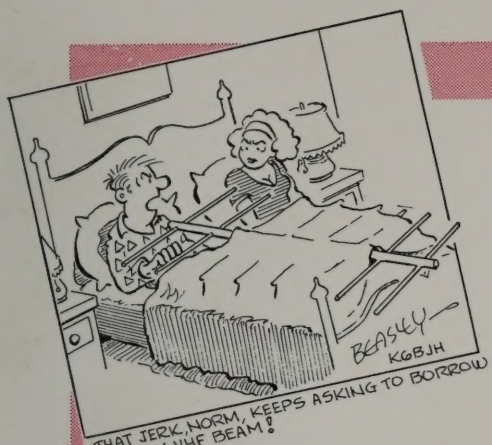

THAT JERK, NORM, KEEPS ASKING TO BORROW MY NEW VHF BEAM!

SO I SEZ TO THIS BIG APE SITTIN' NEXT TO ME ON THE BUS, "IF YOU DON'T LIKE LISTENING TO MY HANDHELD, YOU CAN STICK IT IN YOUR EAR!"

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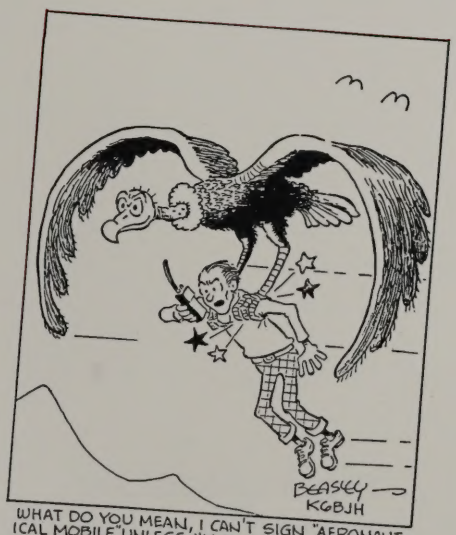
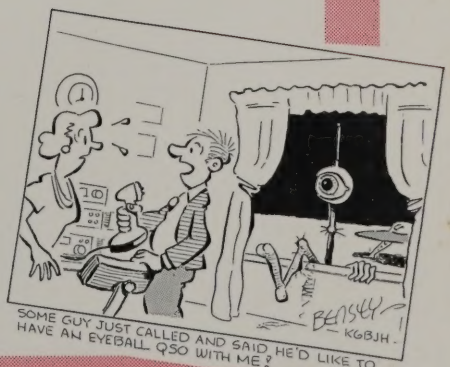


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I CAN'T SIGN "AERONAUTICAL MOBILE" UNLESS I'M IN AN AIRCRAFT?

THE HAT BELONGS TO THE XYL--I FOUND THAT THE PHONY FLOWERS MAKE A NICELY PHASED ARRAY ON 220!



SOME GUY JUST CALLED AND SAID HE'D LIKE TO HAVE AN EYEBALL QSO WITH ME!

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Publisher's note

It's been said that the mark of a real person is the ability to laugh at oneself.

Here is the opportunity for us to laugh at ourselves. Bob Beasley, K6BJH, has certainly captured our foibles. Of course, I didn't see myself in any of his cartoons, and you probably won't see yourself, either, although I'm sure you will see many of your ham pals.

Wait a minute. If we can see our buddies in this collection, that must mean that they.....

Armond Noble, N6WR,
Publisher, ***Worldradio***

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Introduction

I learned to draw funny pictures many years ago with the idea of someday becoming a cartoonist. However, I couldn't seem to come up with any gag ideas from everyday life, so my pen just stagnated. Then one day it dawned on me, there are so many humorous or potentially humorous situations in Amateur Radio, why don't I pursue comic art in that direction...and gags seemed to formulate automatically.

I have been a licensed Amateur Radio operator since 1953, and have seen many funny and frustrating things occur in the hobby, so you may see some of these situations in the following pages. I have recently become interested in another aspect of the hobby called Amateur Television (fast scan), so you many see some aspects of that end of the avocation.

Most of the following cartoons have appeared over the years in ***Worldradio,*** but some have been published in such stellar publications as *QST, Radioscan, Electric Radio, ATV Quarterly, Spec-Com Journal, Badger State Smoke Signals,* and the myriad club newsletters that have 'borrowed" my cartoons to fill the empty spaces that result when they run out of copy before they run out of page. My thanks go out to all of them, especially ***Worldradio,*** for giving me a chance for some exposure.

I have had no formal art training, so my pen seems to run around the page with impunity and abandon, unencumbered by any art instructor's idea of what is supposed to be "art."

73, es enjoy,

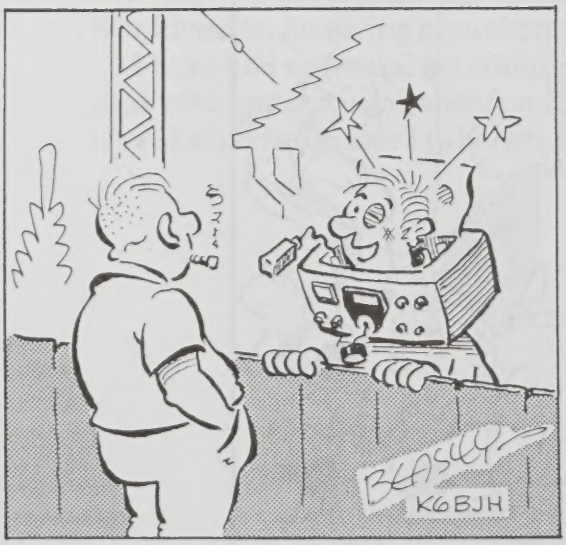
Robert Beasley

Robert Beasley, K6BJH
May 11, 1994

Ham in the family

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE HARMONIC OUTPUT OF MY OLD 20 METER RIG!

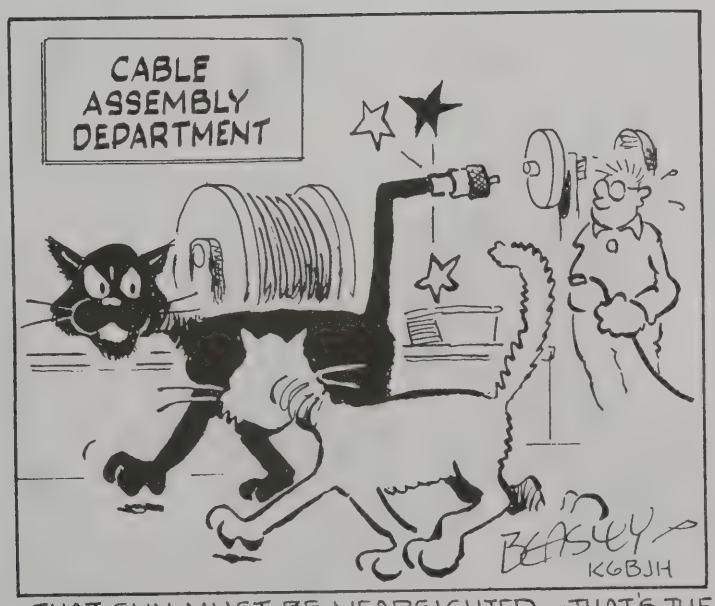
I'M JUST TRYING TO GET A VALUE PERSPECTIVE HERE--- I'D SAY EACH SLEEVE IS WORTH AN ICOM IC229H, THE MAIN BODY IS EQUAL TO A TEN-TEC PARAGON, AND THE COLLAR------



YEAH, IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL RESTORATION-- YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT BEFORE THE XYL FOUND OUT HOW MUCH I PAID FOR IT!

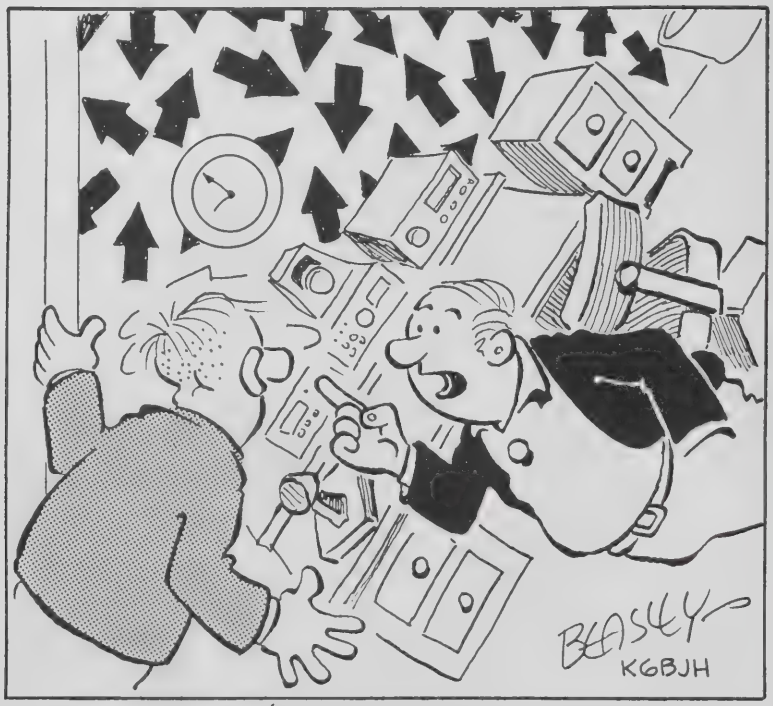
I WONDER HOW RAPID THE QSB GETS ON A FALLING BODY

HERBERT!



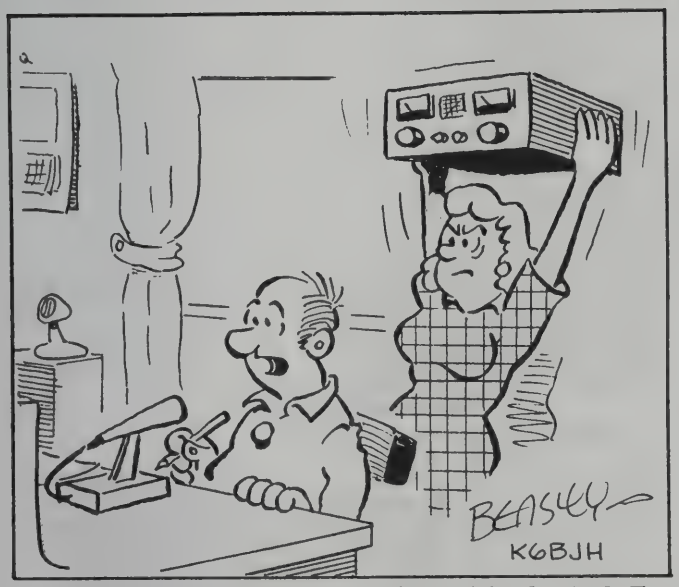
THAT GUY MUST BE NEARSIGHTED--THAT'S THE SECOND TIME HE'S CRIMPED A CO-AX CONNECTOR TO MY TAIL!

THIS IS CALLED A "FEATHER DUSTER DUCKIE"---
IT ALLOWS **YOU** TO MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL
WHILE YOU LISTEN TO THE REPEATER



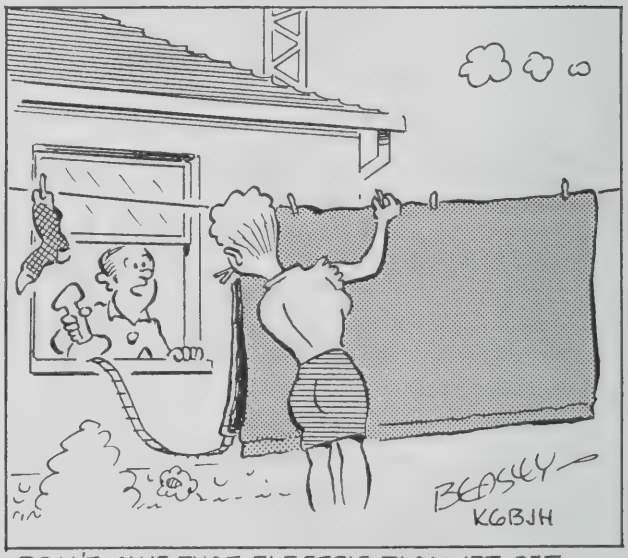
BLANCHE DOESN'T LIKE THE NEW WALLPAPER IN THE
SHACK--- SHE THINKS IT'S VERY DISORIENTING

I TOLD THE WIFE SHE'S DUMB BECAUSE SHE CAN'T GET HER CODE SPEED UP--ACTUALLY, I THINK SHE'S GOT THE FASTEST "FIST" IN TOWN!



I HID THE NEW AMP I JUST BOUGHT IN THE CLOSET--- WHEN THE WIFE FINDS OUT ABOUT THAT THE SKY WILL COME CRASHING DOWN!

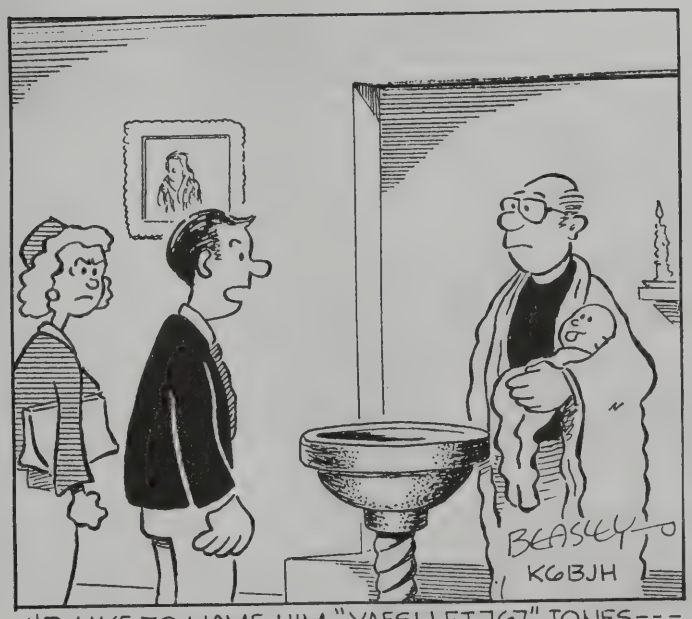
YOUR MISSUS WANTS ME TO PAINT THE WHOLE INTERIOR--- THAT LOOK O.K. TO YOU?



DON'T TAKE THAT ELECTRIC BLANKET OFF THERE, YET --- IT RESONATES ON 40 METERS!

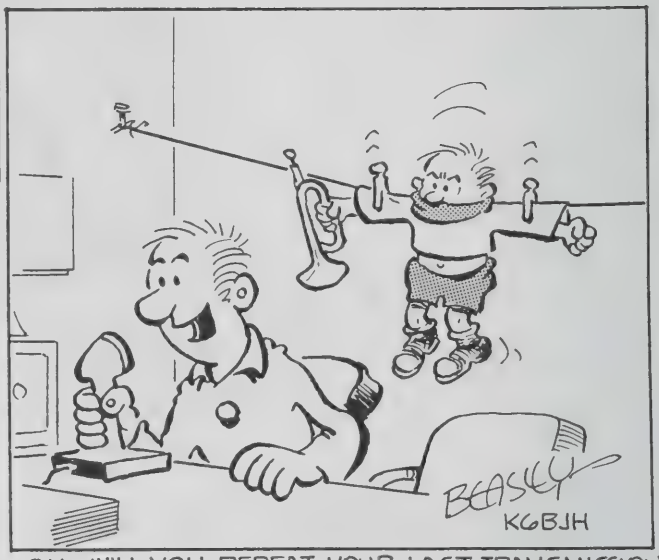
– HEY ED, CAN YOU CALL THE PARAMEDICS? MYRTLE SLIPPED ON THE ICE, AGAIN!

—73 O.M., I REALLY MUST SIGN NOW------



I'D LIKE TO NAME HIM "YAESU FT767" JONES---
THAT'S WHAT HE'S IN LIEU OF!

WELL, GEE WHIZ--- JIMMY'S DAD LETS **HIM** TALK TO NEW ZEALAND ON THE RADIO, AND SINCE **WE** DON'T HAVE NO RADIO ----

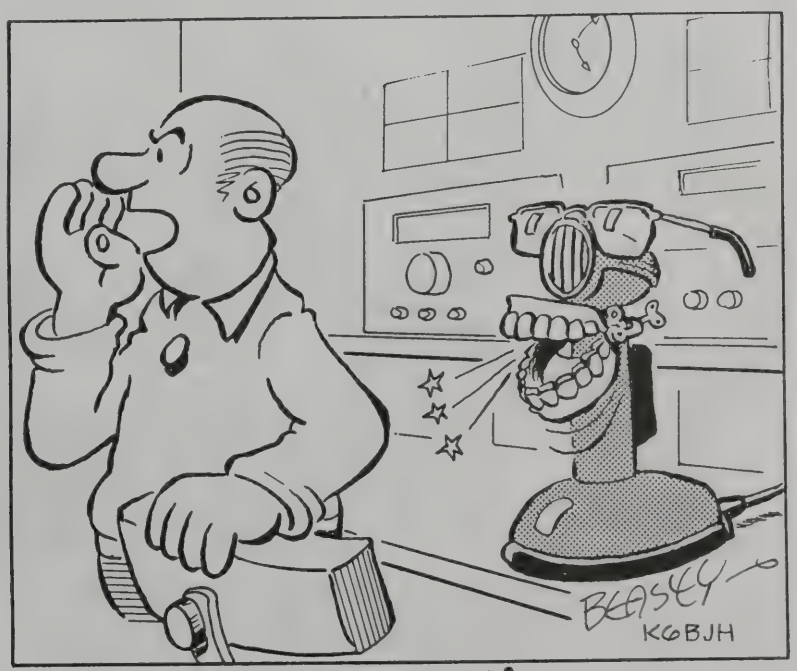


O.K., WILL YOU REPEAT YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION, BILL --- I JUST PUT THE NOISE BLANKER ON

WHAT IS IT, NOW? SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE ALWAYS YELLING ABOUT SOMETHING!

I GOT THE XYL TO GET HER TICKET, BUT I CAN'T GET THE AUDIO GAIN LOW ENOUGH

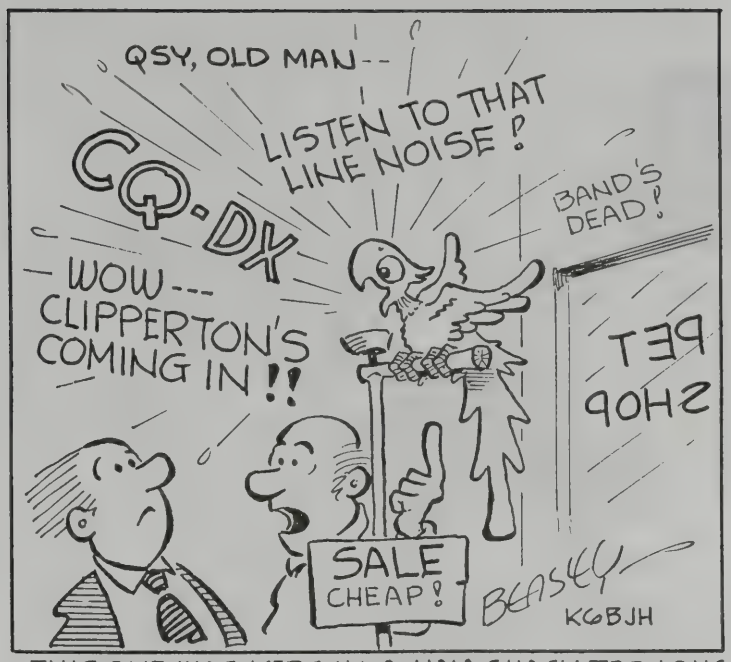
I FINALLY GOT OUR NEIGHBOR TO GET RID OF THAT OLD STYLE TV THAT I'VE BEEN BOTHERING ON 15 METERS!



VERY FUNNY!

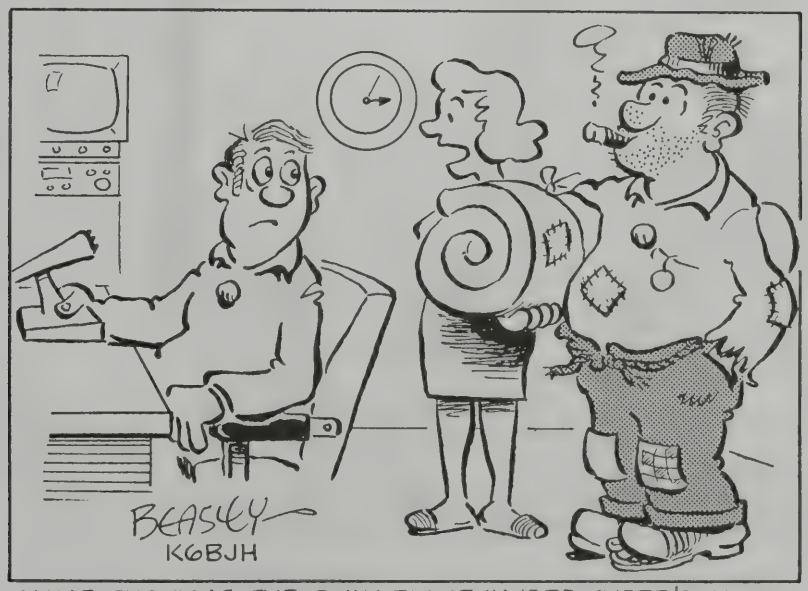
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE---- AT LEAST HE CAN WORK C.W.

AW, HE'S DUMB--- HE CAN'T GET PAST 3 WPM, AND I KNOW HE CAN'T PASS THE THEORY!

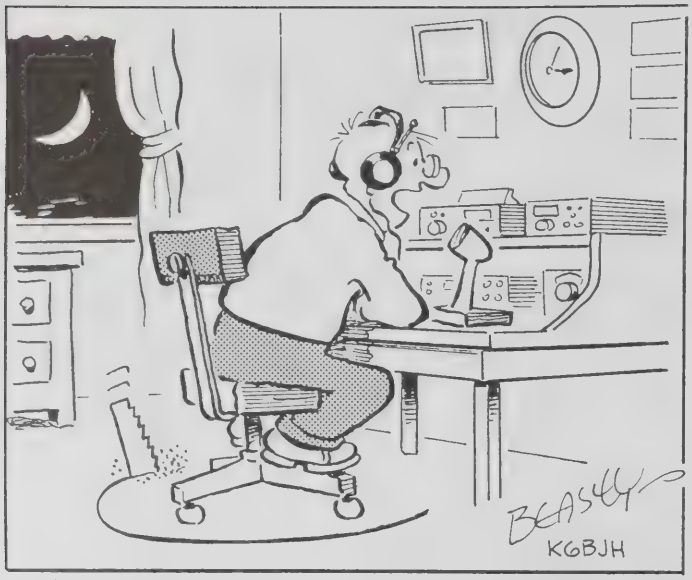


THIS ONE WAS KEPT IN A HAM SHACK TOO LONG

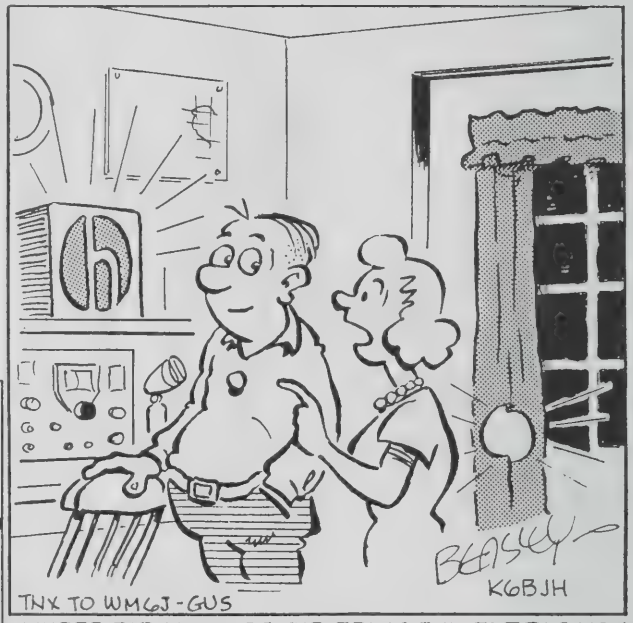
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT A MINUTE- CAN I HELP IT IF THIS IS THE ONLY HOT SPOT IN THE HOUSE?



YOUR SHACK IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THERE'S ANY ROOM--- MY BROTHER IS GOING TO STAY IN IT FOR A WHILE

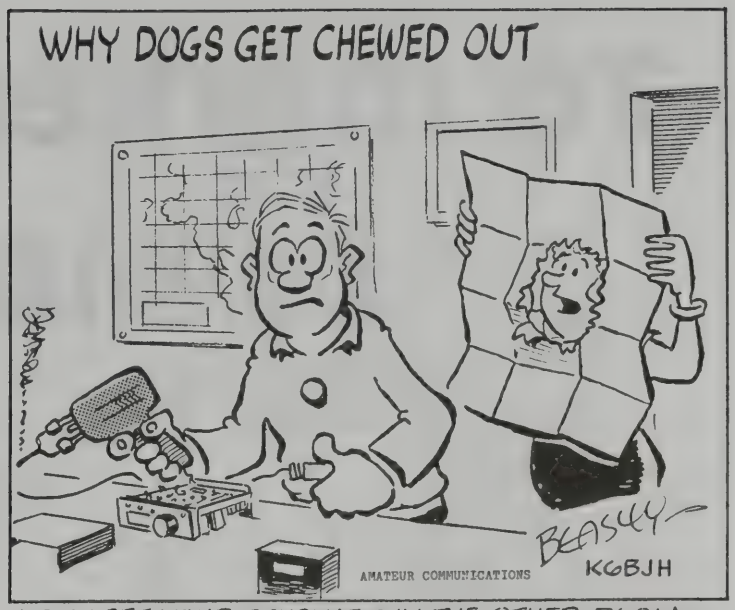


IT'S GETTING VERY LATE--- THE XYL REMINDED ME AN HOUR AGO THAT THE BAND COULD DROP OUT ANY TIME

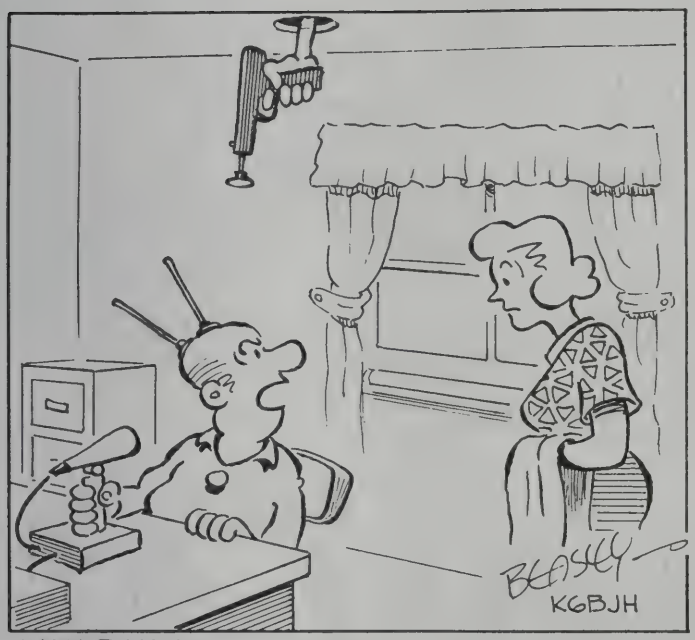


WHERE DID YOU GET THE BEAUTIFUL FABRIC YOU USED FOR THE SPEAKER GRILLE RESTORATION?

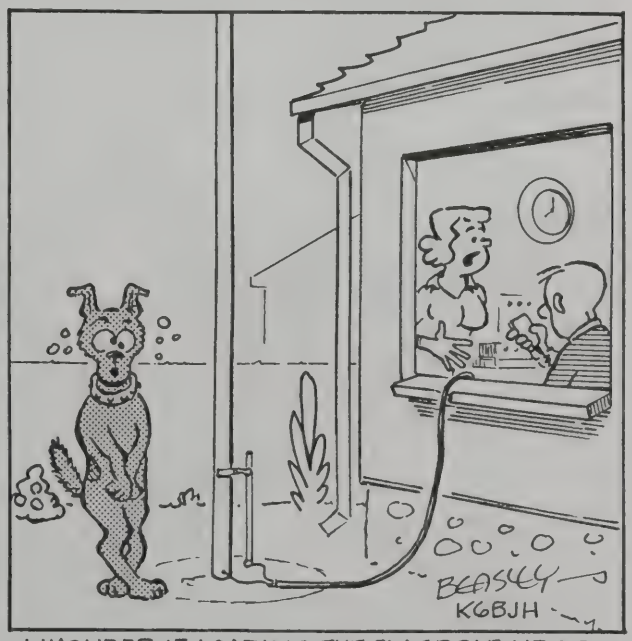
GOODNESS, HOW DID YOUR HUSBAND MANAGE TO TIE THAT ANTENNA WIRE SO HIGH IN THAT TREE?



YOU LEFT YOUR SCHEMATIC IN THE OTHER ROOM--- CAN YOU WORK AROUND THE HOLE BUSTER CHEWED IN IT?

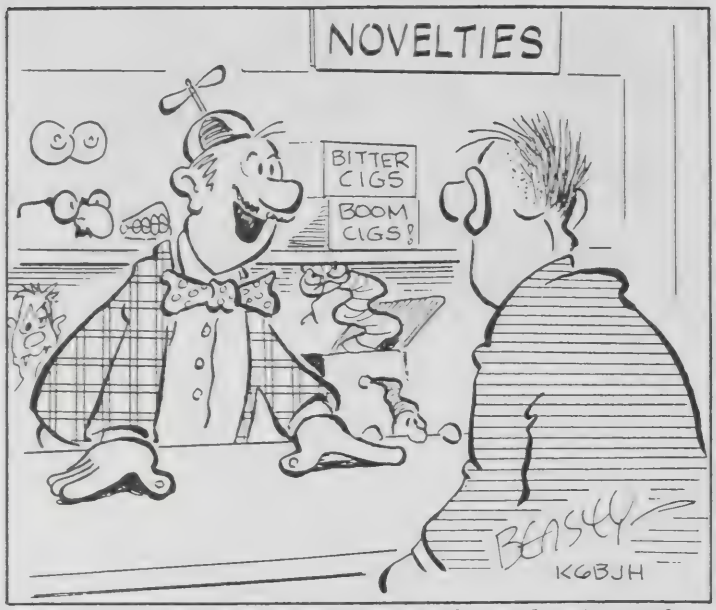


WOULD YOU MIND RUNNING UPSTAIRS AND SEE IF I'M BOTHERING YOUR MOTHER'S TV?



I WONDER IF LOADING THE FLAGPOLE UP AS AN ANTENNA WILL BOTHER SPOT

To market, to market . . .



THE HAM RADIO STORE MOVED OUT OF HERE LAST MONTH, BUT IF YOU'D LIKE TO INDULGE IN A CHEAPER HOBBY, I CAN SELL YOU A WHOOPEE CUSHION!

NO, NO, I WANT THE UNABRIDGED EDITION OF "COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDING ANTENNAS AND FEEDLINES!"

HEY RUSS, CAN YOU COME HERE AND SHOW ME WHAT TO DO? I THINK THIS GUY JUST SWALLOWED ONE OF OUR 5/8 WAVE MAGMOUNTS!

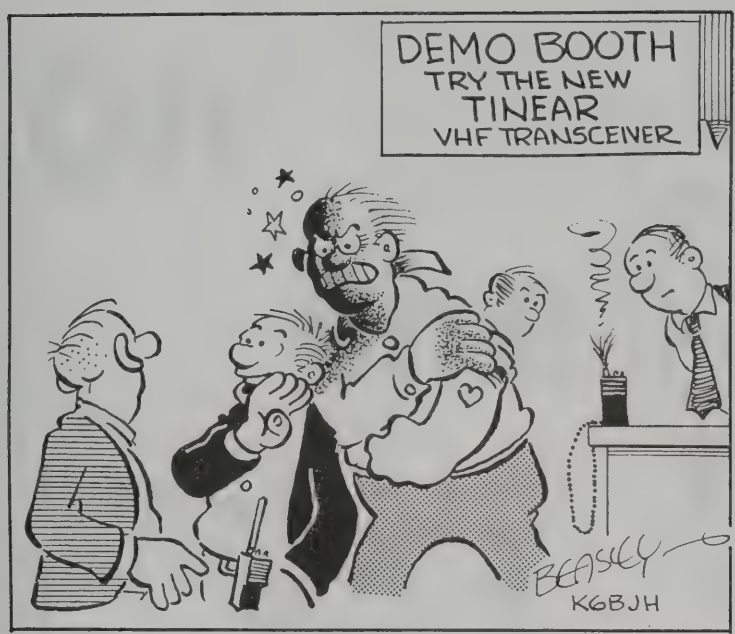
THAT'S THE PREVIOUS OWNER---HE'S FOLLOWING TO MAKE SURE IT GETS A GOOD HOME

I NEED A 2 METER HANDHELD RADIO---I PLAN TO WORK A LOT OF AERONAUTICAL MOBILE

— BEATS THE HECK OUT OF A MAGMOUNT, AND IT ALSO HAS ANOTHER USE!

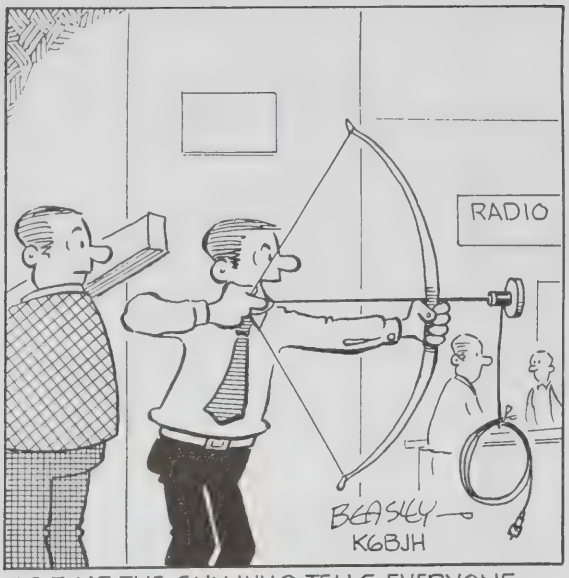
ISN'T THAT **YOUR** CALL IN THERE? THAT LOOKS LIKE THE SAME RADIO YOU SOLD FOR $25 ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS AGO!

I JUST CAN'T GET THESE @#★!! EARPHONES TO FIT!

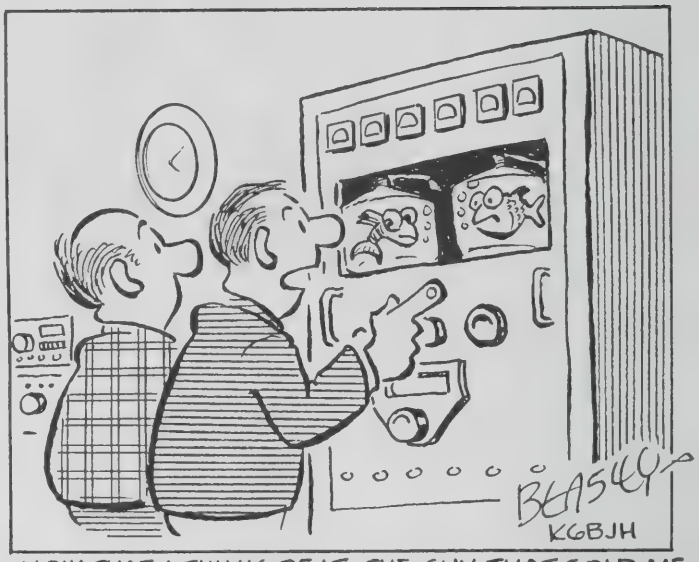


I SLIPPED A TRICK EXPLODING RUBBER DUCK ON THAT DEMO---I WONDER WHO'S GOING TO GET IT?

PERSONALLY, I LIKED THE SPEAKER, BUT THE WIFE SAID SHE SIMPLY COULDN'T STAND THE ACCENT ON THE HIGHS



IS THAT THE GUY WHO TELLS EVERYONE OUR MAG MOUNTS AREN'T ANY GOOD?



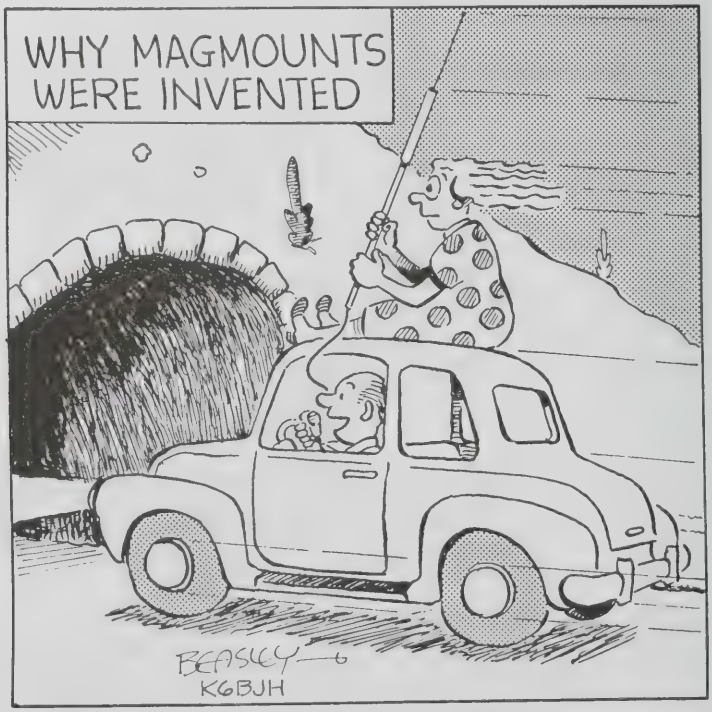
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, THE GUY THAT SOLD ME THOSE 4-1000^{S} SAID HIS OTHER HOBBY IS TROPICAL FISH

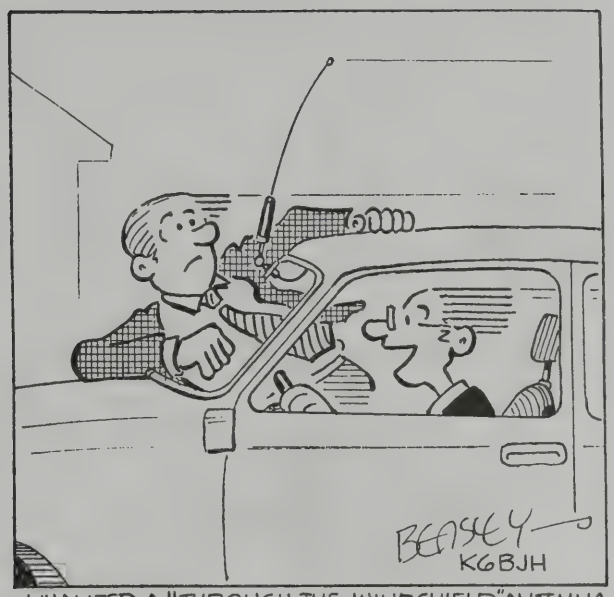
THAT'S THE SNAP-OFF CONTROL PANEL— YOU GET THE REST OF THE RADIO WHEN YOU'VE MADE A FEW PAYMENTS

On the move

NO, I DIDN'T SAY "I THINK **THEY** LOST YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION"--I SAID "I THINK **YOU** LOST IT!"

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT--- I MUST HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS UPSIDE DOWN!



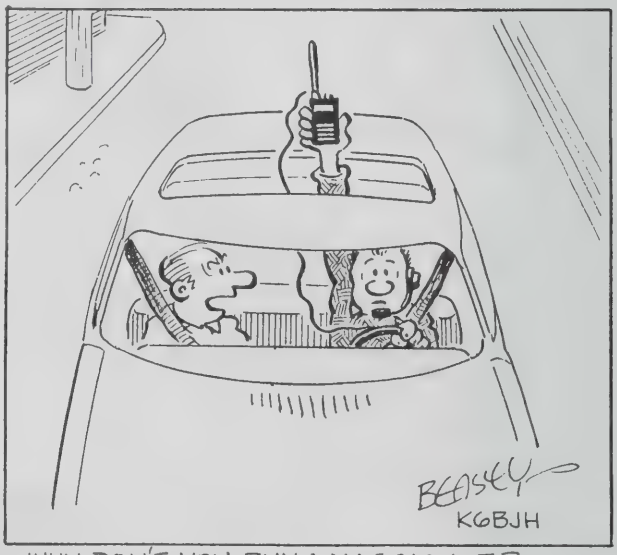


I WANTED A "THROUGH-THE-WINDSHIELD" ANTENNA, BUT I COULDN'T SEE HOW IT WOULD WORK WITH THAT GLASS IN THE WAY!

I VE GOT A VERY LOW GARAGE DOOR!

—SIGN, ABOUT A HALF-MILE BACK----- SAYS "BLASTING, NO RADIO TRANSMITTING"---- DIDN'T SEE IT, EH?

IT'S A TRAILING WIRE ANTENNA FOR IGO, BUT I HAVE TO REEL IT IN AT EVERY STOP SIGN OR SOME IDIOT WILL SNAG ONTO IT!

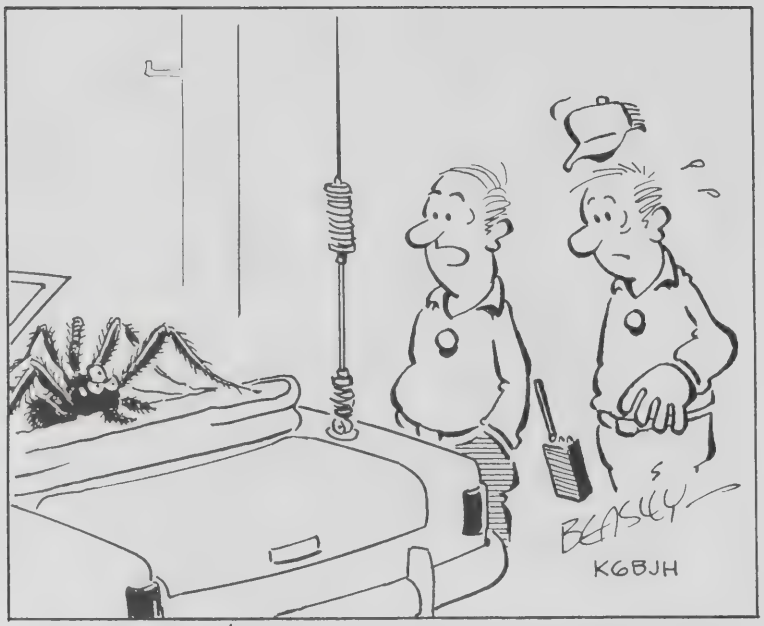


WHY DON'T YOU BUY A MAG MOUNT?

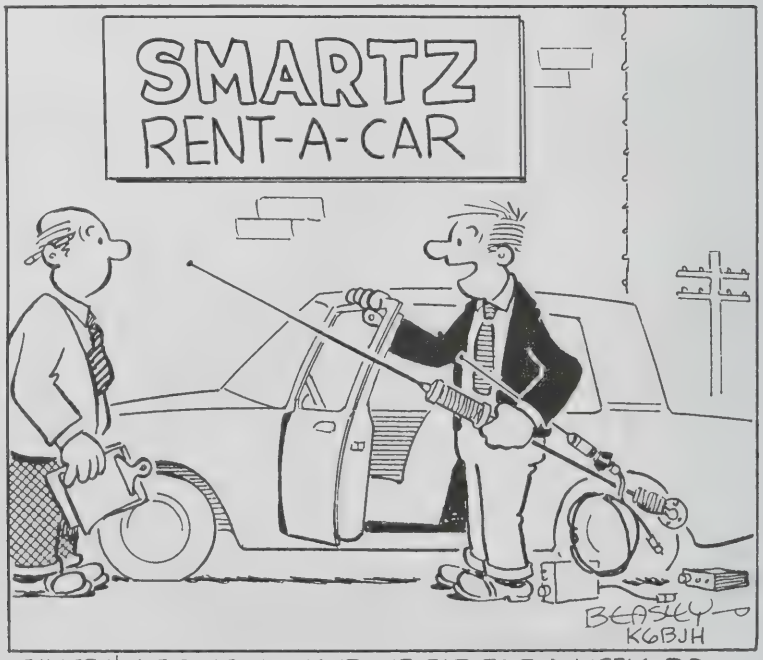
WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND BUY IT? YOU ALREADY BOUGHT THE BOAT **ANCHOR** FOR IT AT THAT HAM SWAP MEET!

NO, THAT'S NOT MY CURRENT ADDRESS, BUT I'M GOOD IN THE CALL BOOK!

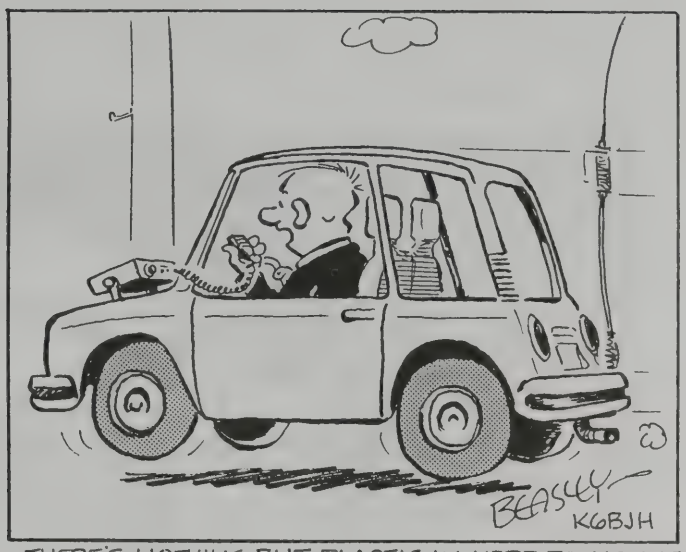
NOT MUCH USE RIGGING HER FOR MARITIME MOBILE, NOAH --- WEATHER REPORT SAYS THE REST OF THE OPS ARE GOING TO BE RAINED OUT



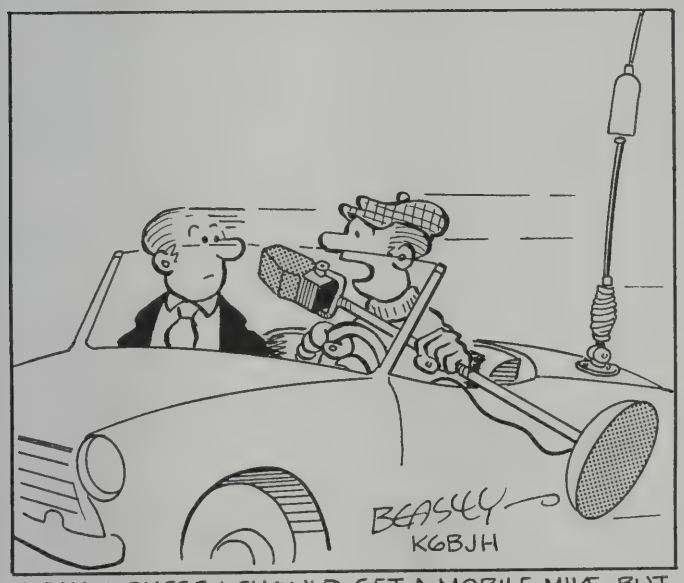
AW, THAT'S OL' SPIKE-ANYBODY TRIES TO STEAL MY RADIO GEAR, HE WRAPS 'EM IN A COCOON--- TROUBLE IS HE TRIES TO WRAP ME IN A COCOON, TOO!



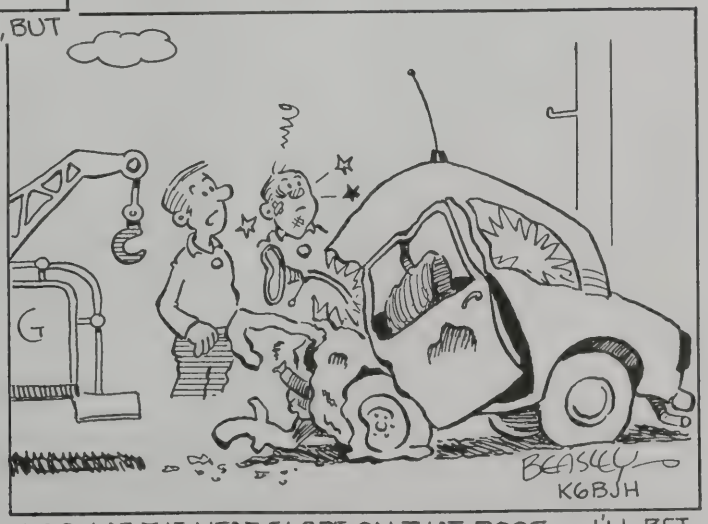
SINCE I'M GOING TO HAVE THE CAR FOR A WEEK, DO YOU MIND IF I PUNCH A FEW LITTLE HOLES, HERE AND THERE?



THERE'S NOTHING BUT PLASTIC IN HERE TO MOUNT MY MOBILE RIG TO, BUT I FOUND SOME METAL



YEAH, I GUESS I SHOULD GET A MOBILE MIKE, BUT I LIKE THE STUDIO QUALITY OF THIS ONE

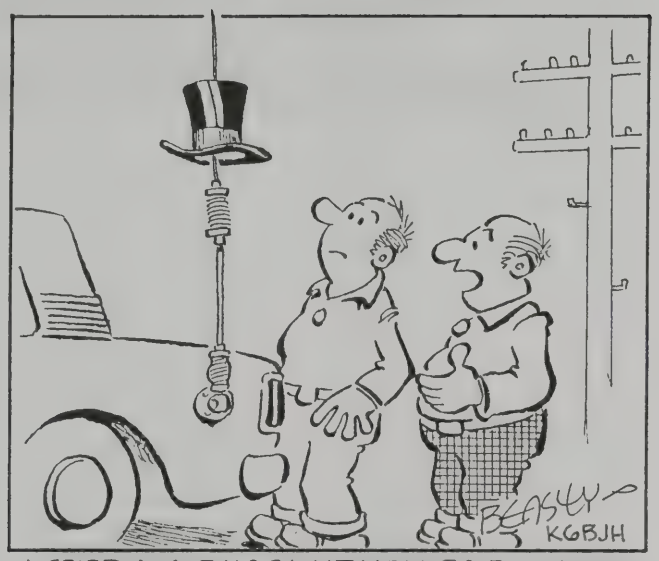


LOOK AT THE NEAT SLOPE ON THAT ROOF---I'LL BET THAT NICELY LOWERS YOUR ANGLE OF RADIATION

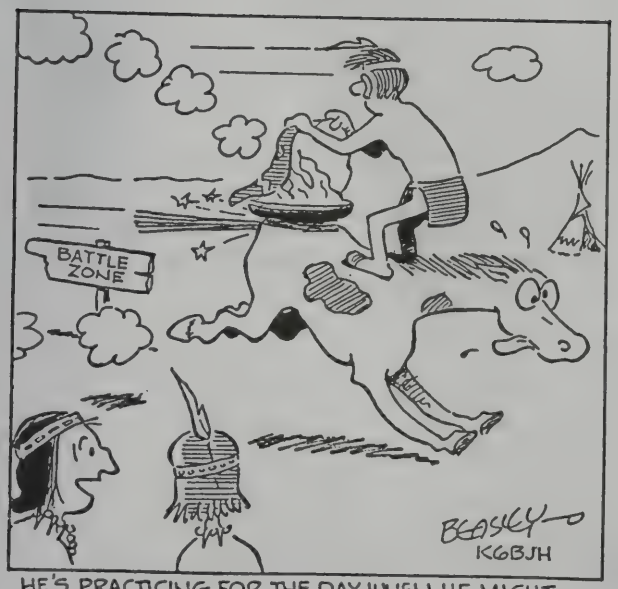
THOSE WORK SO GOOD I DECIDED TO KEEP THAT ONE FOR MY OWN MOBILE---YOURS IS ON BACK-ORDER

OL' VIC HAD A SLIGHT PROBLEM FINDING CENTER---WE CAN COVER 'EM UP WITH DUCT TAPE!

I FINALLY SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF RAPID MOBILE FLUTTER ON 2 METERS!

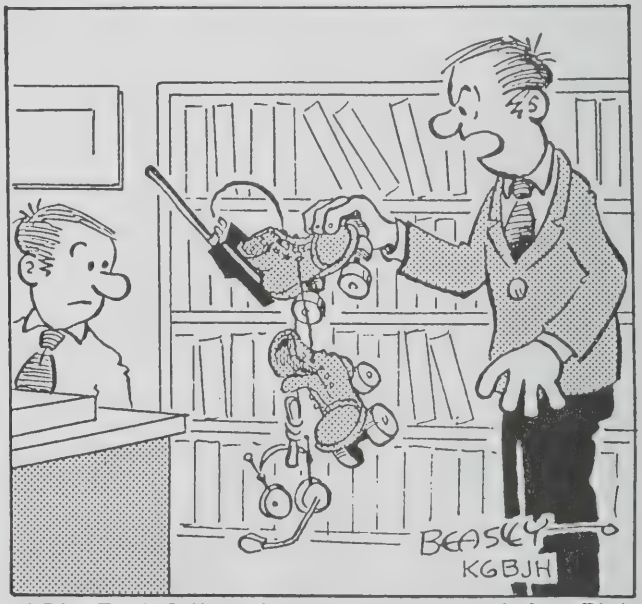


I TRIED A TOP HAT LIKE YOU SAID, BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD

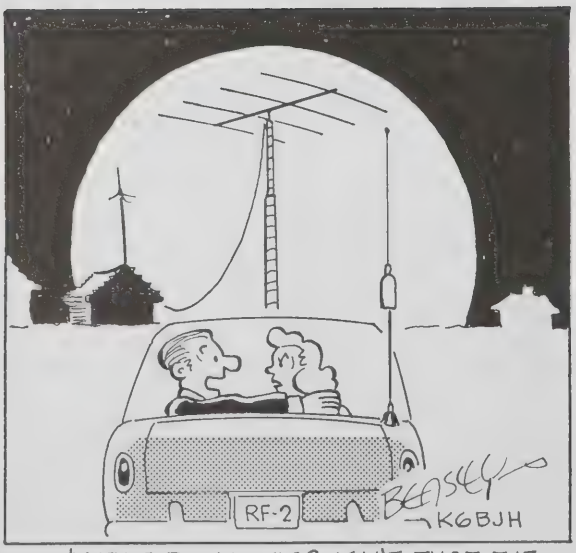


HE'S PRACTICING FOR THE DAY WHEN HE MIGHT HAVE TO GO MOBILE!

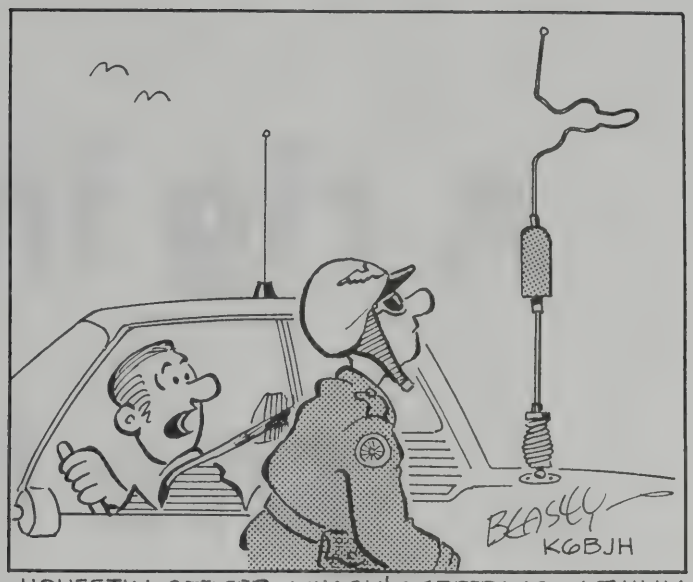
THE WIFE SAID "YOU'RE NOT PUTTING A MOBILE ANTENNA ON MY CAR!"



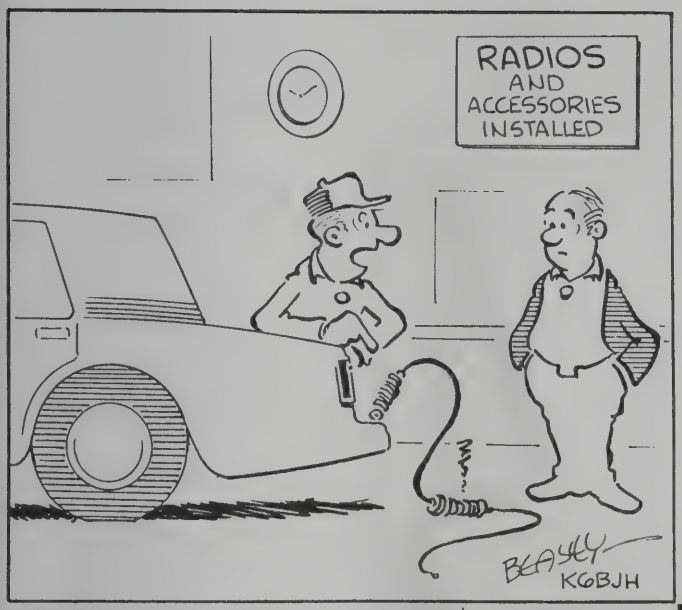
I TOLD THE BOSS I WANTED SOME COMPANY WHEELS SO I COULD OPERATE MOBILE TO AND FROM WORK!



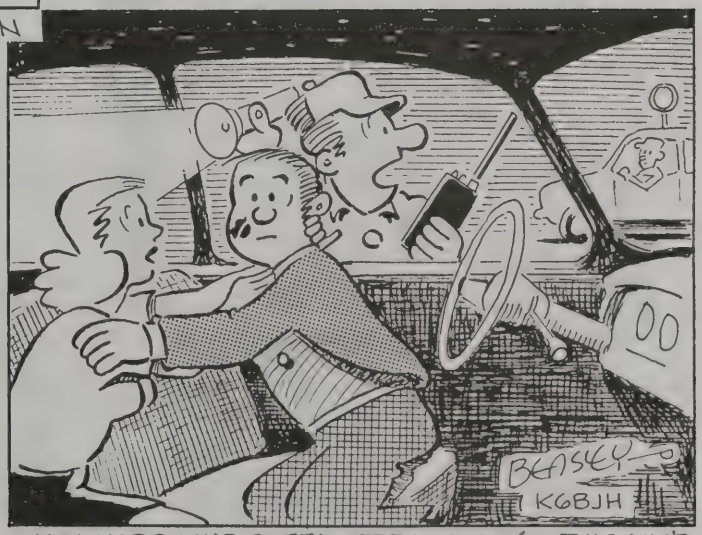
ISN'T THIS ROMANTIC? ISN'T THAT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SIGHT YOU EVER SAW? UNGUYED, TOO!



HONESTLY, OFFICER, I WASN'T SPEEDING--I THINK THE DUCKS ARE FLYING FASTER THIS SEASON

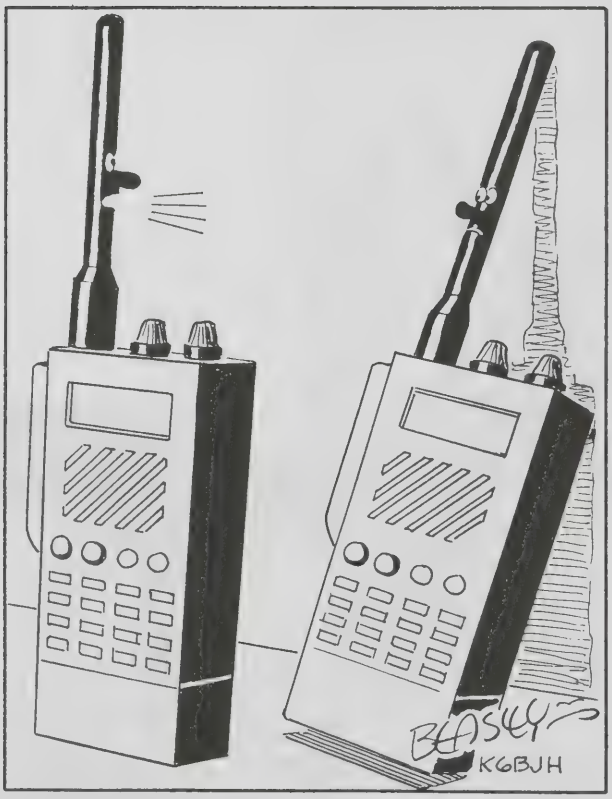


WORST CASE OF METAL FATIGUE I'VE EVER SEEN



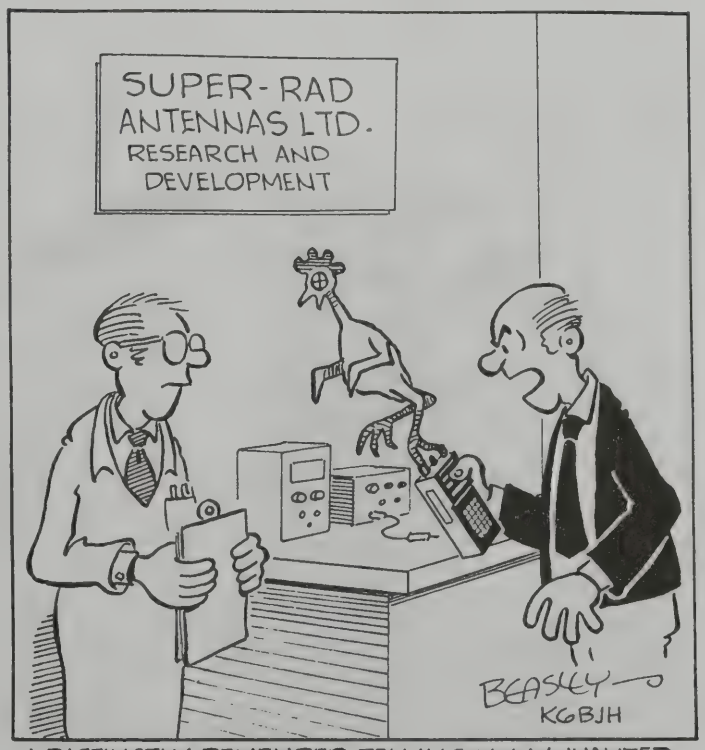
NAW, HARRY, WE GOTTA KEEP LOOKIN'---THIS AIN'T THE HIDDEN TRANSMITTER!

A rig in the hand . . .

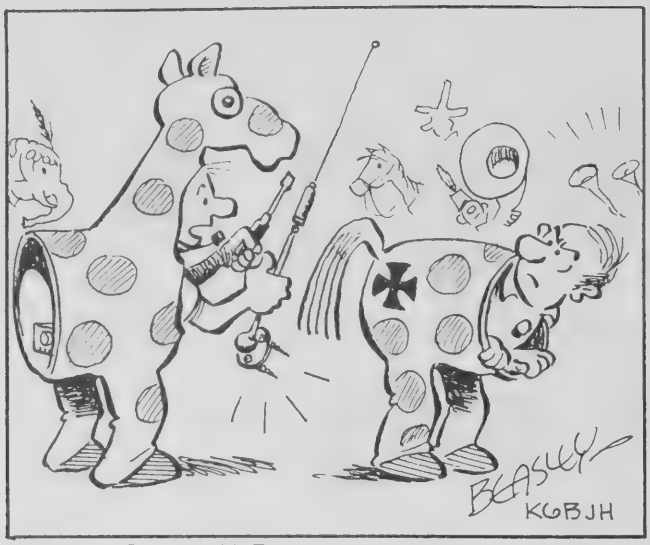


NEXT TIME AROUND, I HOPE I GET TO COME BACK AS A 1600 FOOT TOWER!

ED FAILED THE TEST, BUT THE RADIO SEEMS TO BE O.K.---NEXT TIME LET'S JUST TEST THE RADIO



I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER TELLING YOU I WANTED A RUBBER DUCK ANTENNA PROTOTYPE!

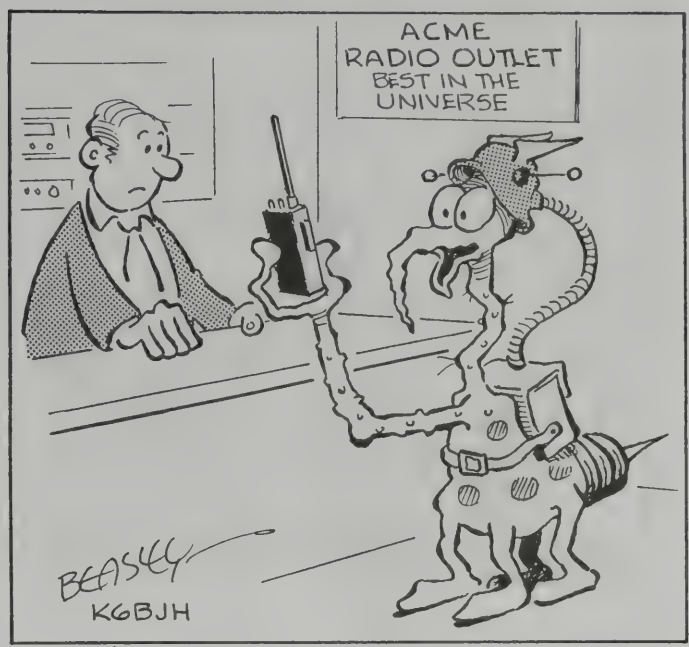


WE HAVE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARADE CENTRAL, DON T WE ?

I MAY DROP OUT OF THE REPEATER PRETTY QUICK--- I THINK THE ELEVATOR CABLES JUST PARTED!

HE WAS TALKING TO ME ON HIS HANDHELD FROM RIGHT IN THERE WHEN HE FADED OUT--- YOU DON'T SUPPOSE ———

BOY, THIS IS THE BEST 2 METER HOT SPOT I'VE EVER SEEN!



I DON'T THINK SO --- I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL HIT THE REPEATER ON ALPHA CENTAURI

WE'RE TRYING TO WORK HANDHELD DX --- IF WE CAN GET IN PHASE, WE'RE A 5 ELEMENT BEAM!

I THINK THAT'S CAUSED FROM TOO MUCH HOT AIR!

NOW DON'T GO LOOKING FOR TROUBLE--SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME WE GO WALKING, YOU GET ME IN A JAM!

JUNIOR, YOU'RE A BAD BOY---DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT YOUR FATHER'S LITTLE HANDHELD WOULDN'T FLOAT?

HAVE YOU SEEN MY LITTLE HANDHELD?

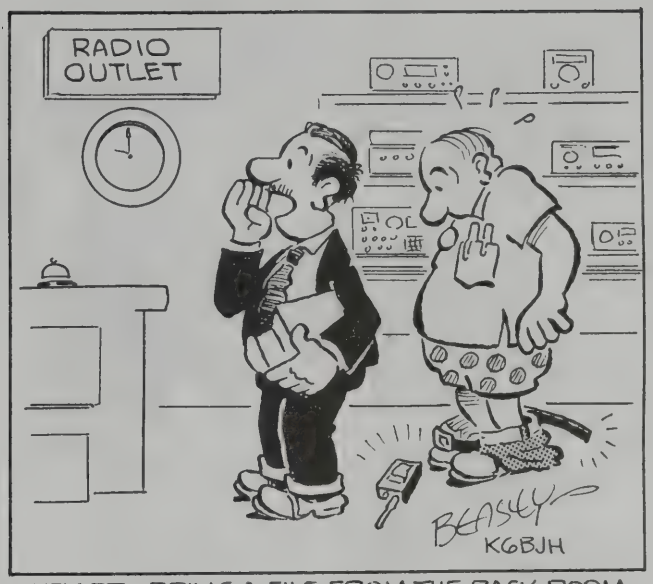
I'M TAKING A TRIP DOWN UNDER, SO I THOUGHT I'D BETTER START GETTING USED TO THEIR POLARITY!

THANKS FOR THE EXCELLENT SIGNAL REPORT, O.M.:- THESE GUYS HAVE RIGGED ME A GOOD GROUND, BUT I COULD USE A LITTLE HELP!

YOUR HANDHELD APPEARS TO BE O.K. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE STOLE YOUR RUBBER DUCK AND SUBSTITUTED A LICORICE TWIST!

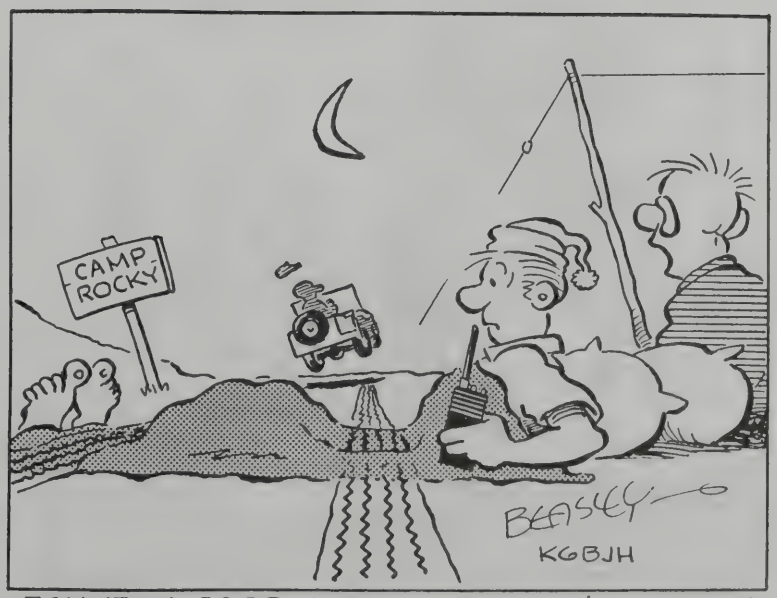
HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT A GOOD PLACE TO HANG **YOUR** HANDHELD?

BOY, ARE **YOU** IN LUCK!--THAT LIGHTNING BOLT MUST HAVE GONE STRAIGHT TO GROUND AND DIDN'T BOTHER YOUR HANDHELD!



HEY ED, BRING A FILE FROM THE BACK ROOM-- THE BELT CLIP ON THIS NEW HANDHELD HAS REALLY GOT A SHARP EDGE!

LOOK IN THE BOOK AND SEE IF THAT'S A RIGHT-HAND OR A LEFT-HAND HELIX FOR THE UPLINK!

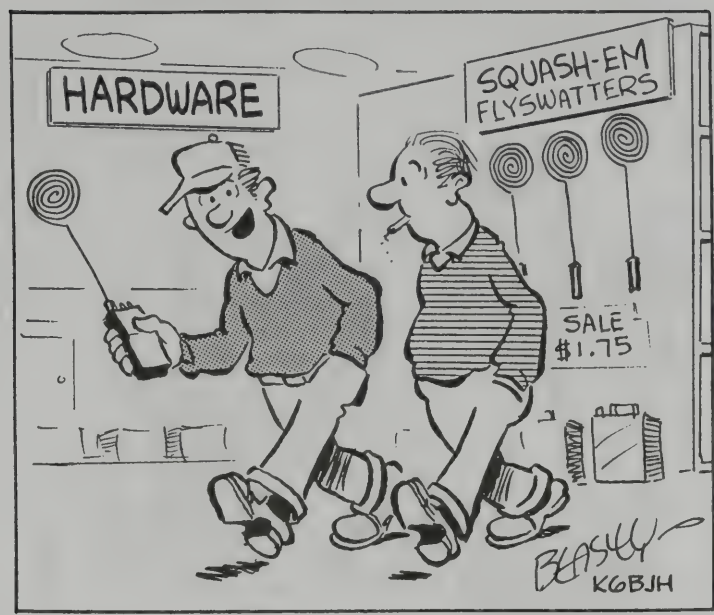


BOY, ITS A GOOD THING YOU WEREN'T WEARING THAT HANDHELD ON YOUR BELT!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID "DESIGN ME A TELESCOPING ANTENNA!"

ACTUALLY, I'VE FOUND THAT HANDHELD RADIOS AREN'T TOO HANDY

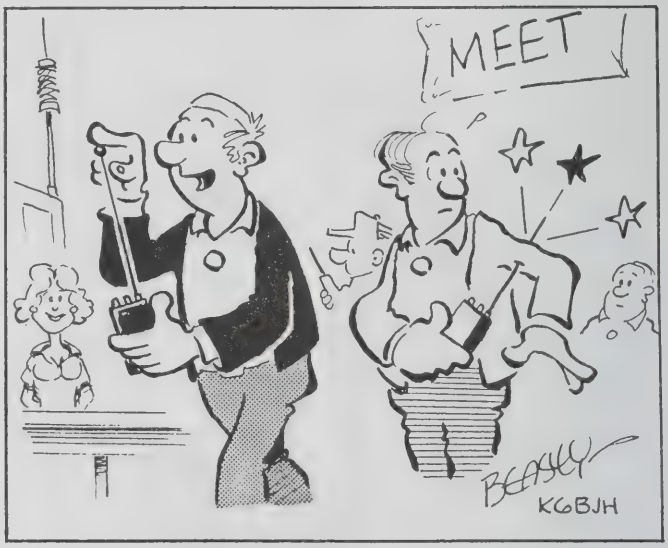
I GOT 'ER WORKING O.K., BUT I COULDN'T CRAM ALL THE COMPONENTS BACK INTO THAT TINY CASE!



SOME GUY AT THE SWAP SOLD ME A GAIN ANTENNA FOR MY HANDHELD FOR ONLY TEN BUCKS!

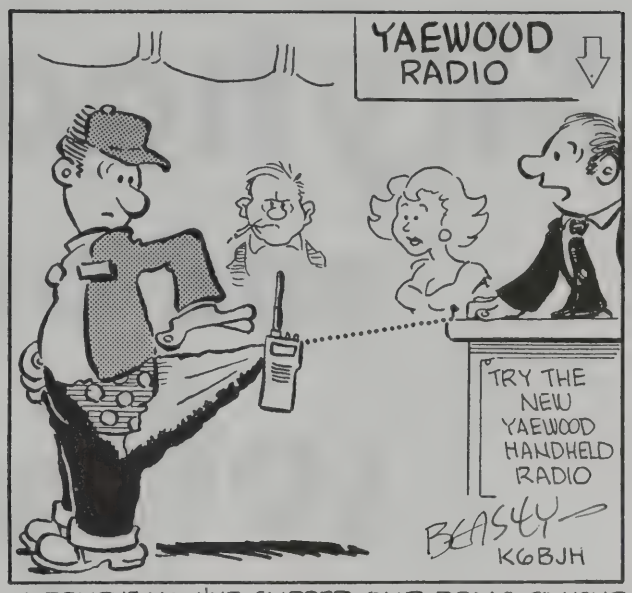
OUR CLUB TOOK A VOTE AND DECIDED TO APPOINT SLIM, HERE, AS OUR REPEATER SITE

SIR, MAY I TEMPORARILY SET MY MAG MOUNT ON YOUR HELMET? I CAN'T SEEM TO REACH THE REPEATER FROM HERE



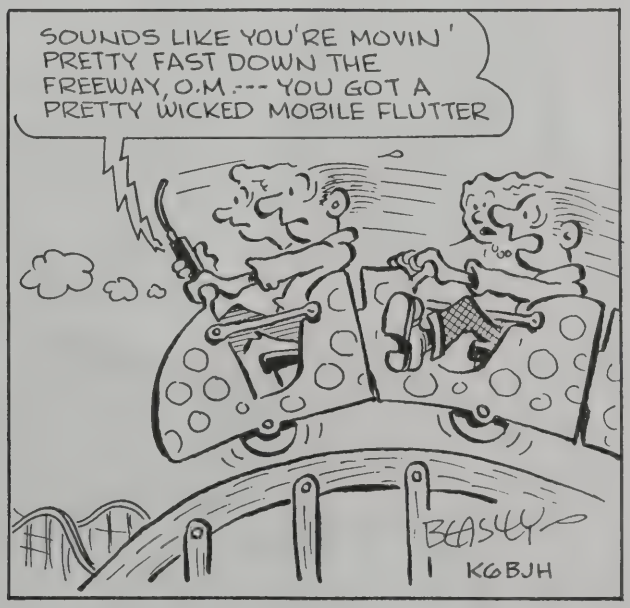
I WONDER WHY THEY PUT THE LITTLE BALL ON THE END OF THESE HANDHELD ANTENNAS

ALL RIGHT--- WHO'S MISSIN' A RUBBER DUCK?

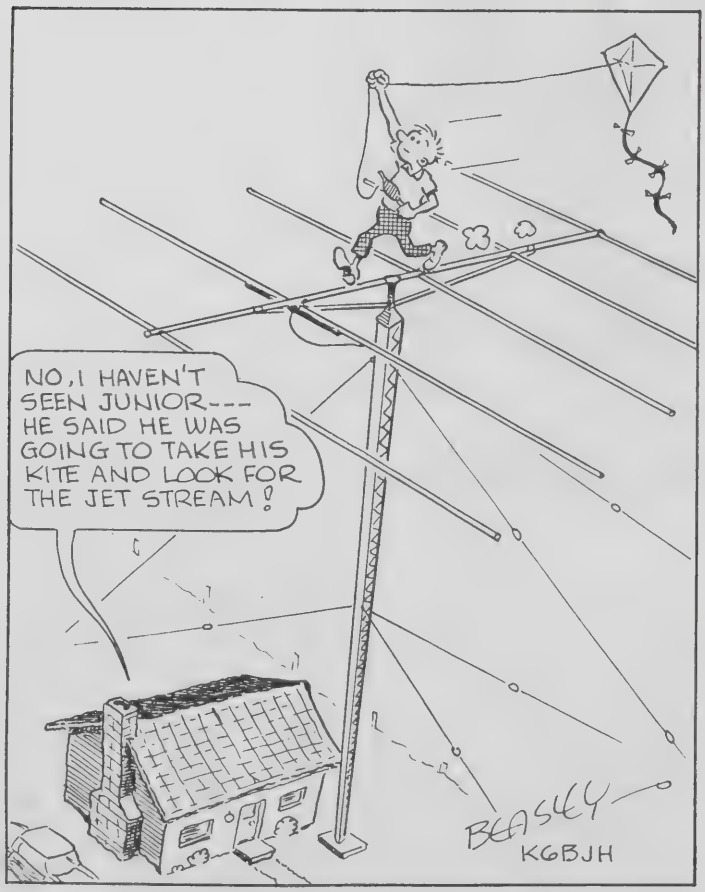


I BELIEVE YOU'VE CLIPPED OUR DEMO TO YOUR TROUSERS, SIR--- NOTICE THE POWERFUL NEW VANADIUM STEEL BELT CLIP!

I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE TALKING ON YOUR HANDHELD--- COME OUT AND MEET GERTRUDE!



Skyhooks and other lofty subjects



--SOMETIMES I THINK MORTON IS PARANOID--- EVERY TIME THE WIND BLOWS, HE'S AFRAID HIS TOWER WILL FALL ON HIM!

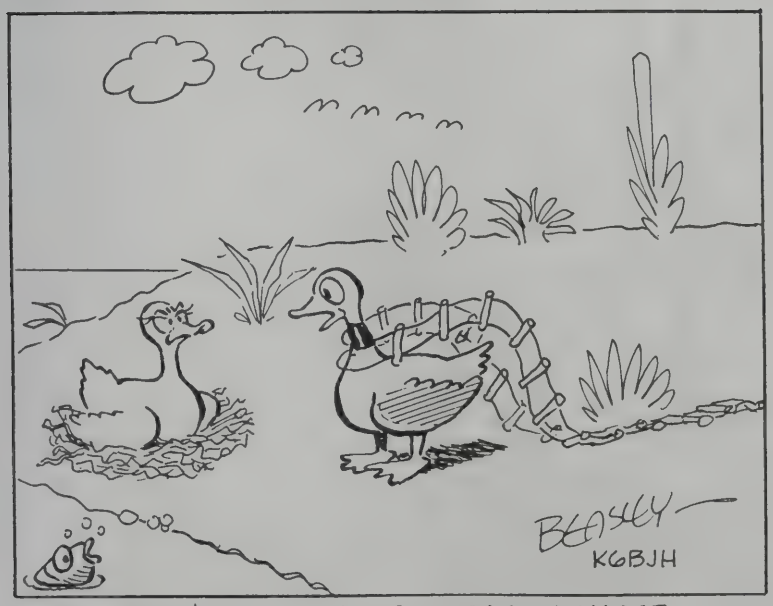
THIS IS "SLIM" McINTYRE--- HE CLIMBS LADDER LINE

SORRY ABOUT THE TOWER--- JUNIOR, HERE, SOMETIMES LETS THE SCYTHE GET AWAY FROM HIM

I SEE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING GUYS ON YOUR DUMMY ANTENNA, AGAIN

YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW YOUR TOWER NOW CONFORMS TO THE COMMUNITY'S MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMITS --- WHAT IS IT YOU HAMS SAY, "HAPPY DX-ING?"

I'M SUPPOSED TO DELIVER A "**VERTICAL**" ANTENNA--
I TRIED HAULING IT "VERTICAL," BUT THERE'S JUST
TOO MANY ©★!! # OVERPASSES AND HIGH WIRES!



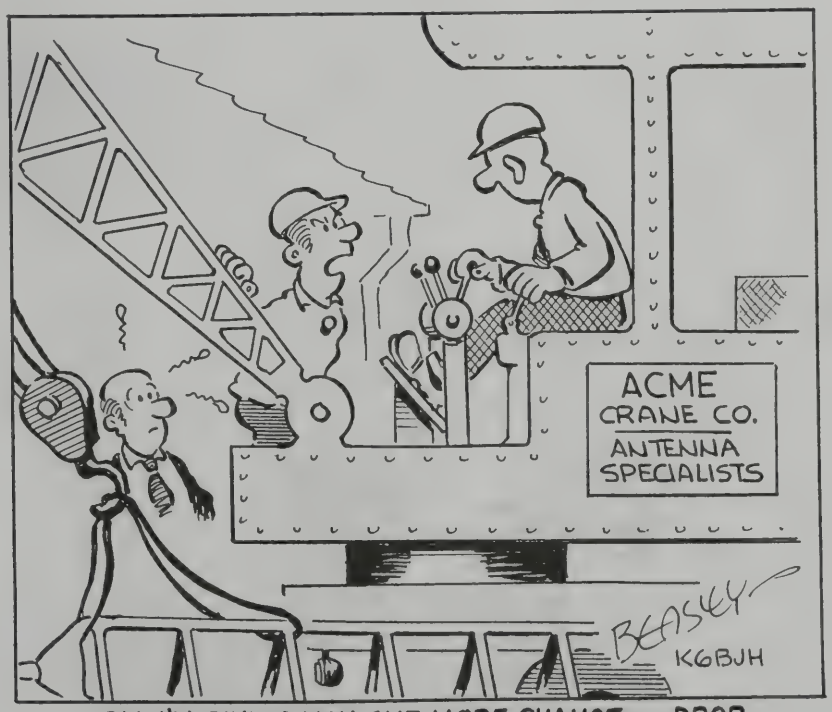
SORRY I'M LATE ON THE MIGRATION, MADGE---
I PICKED UP ABOUT 65 FEET OF LADDER LINE
OUTSIDE OF DES MOINES!

IT'S MY NEW IDEA--- PUT ALL THE GUY WIRES JUST ON THE UPWIND SIDE!

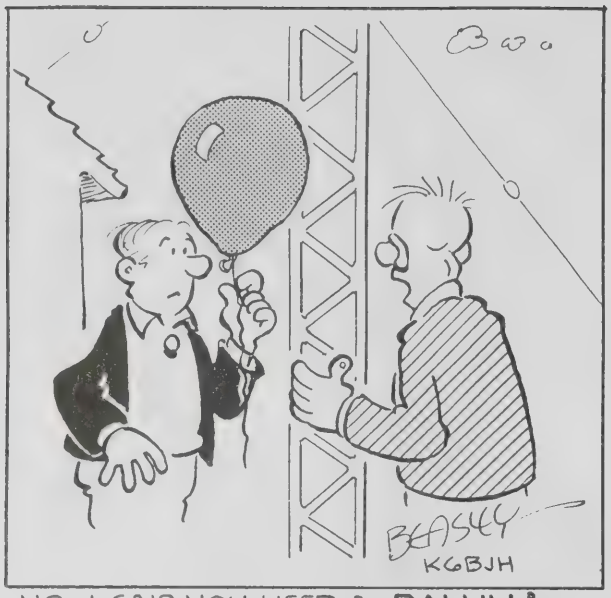
WHAT DO YOU WANNA BET I FORGOT TO SCREW THAT BOTTOM STEP ALL THE WAY IN?

ACROPHOBIA! THAT'S THE WORD; THAT'S WHAT I GOT--- I AIN'T CLIMBIN' THIS ©!!★# TOWER BECAUSE I GOT ACROPHOBIA!

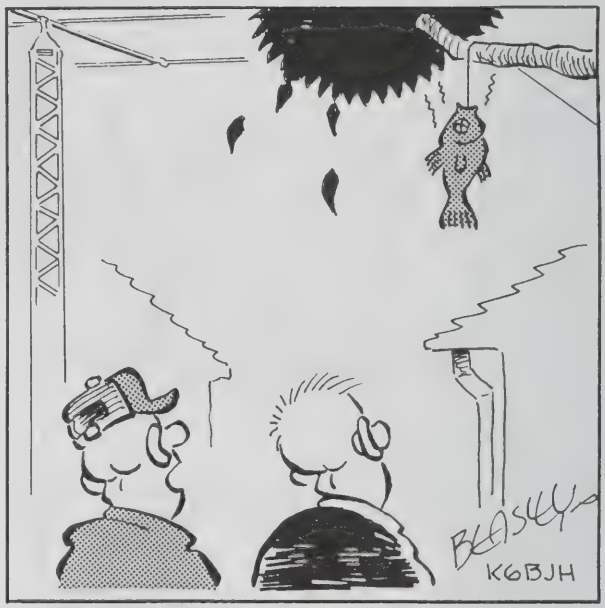
LET'S SEE WHAT THE BOOK SAYS--- MAYBE I CAN BURY SOME OF THESE RADIALS!



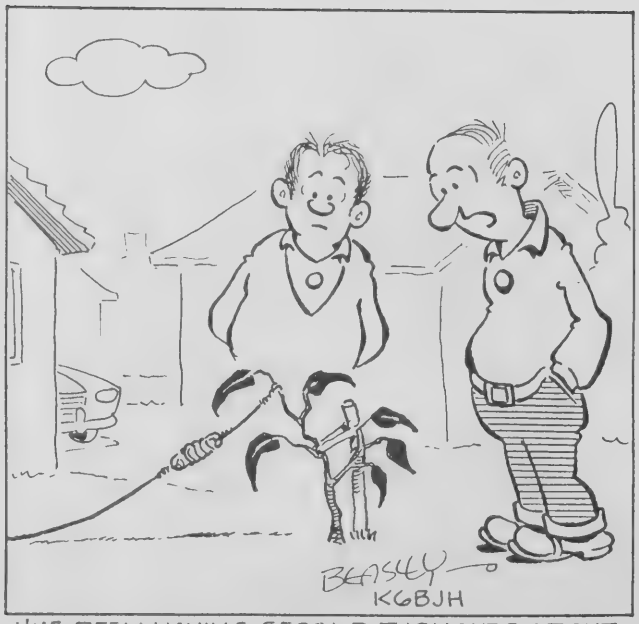
OK, I'M GIVING YOU ONE MORE CHANCE--- DROP THIS TOWER THROUGH THIS GUY'S ROOF AND YOU CAN'T BE OPERATOR. ANY MORE!



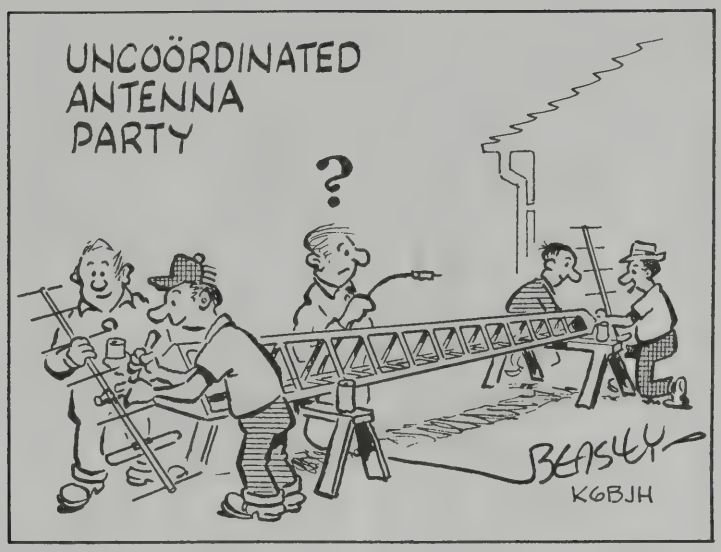
NO, I SAID YOU NEED A **BALUN!**

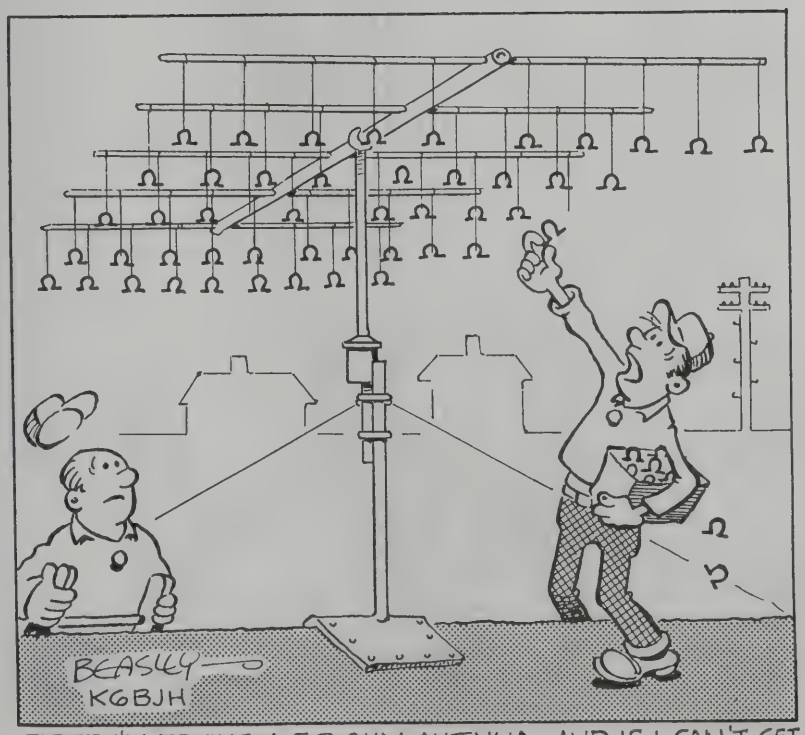


I ASKED DAVE TO BRING HIS FISHING POLE AND LINE AND HELP ME STRING A LONG-WIRE THROUGH THE TREES

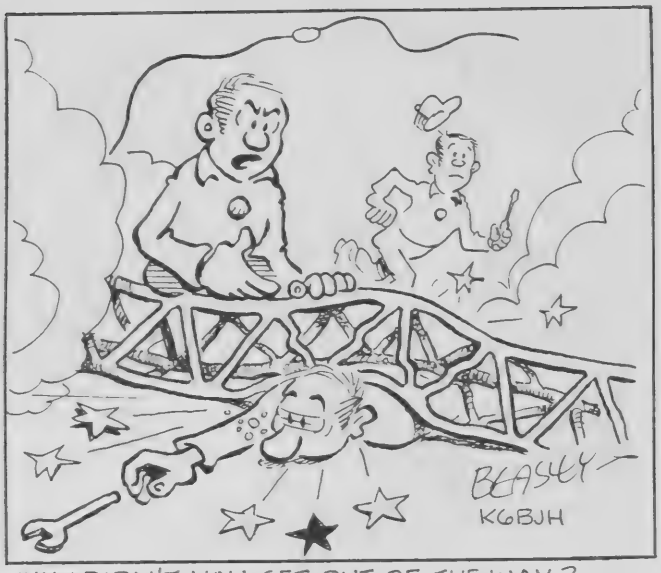


I'VE BEEN HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS --- BY THE TIME THIS TREE TAKES MY LONG WIRE UP 50 FEET, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CRAWL TO THE MIKE!

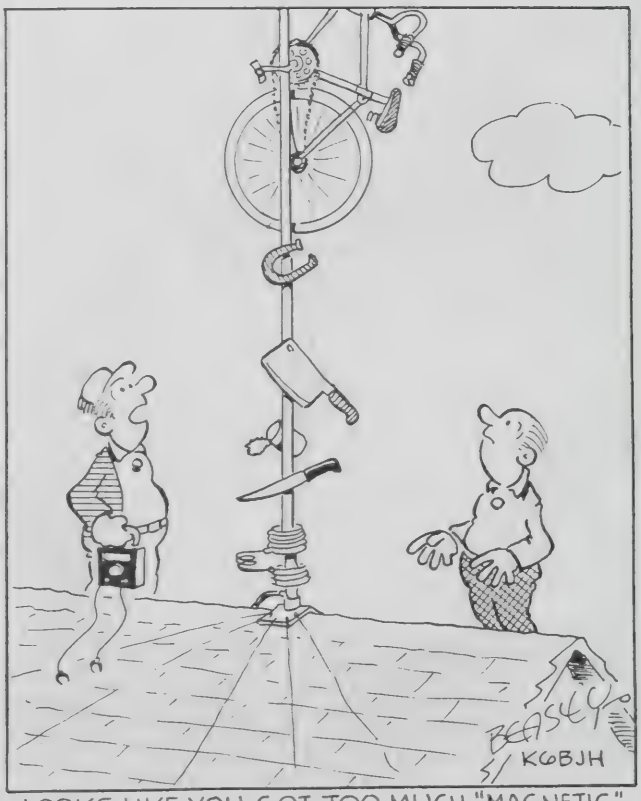




FIRST, I'M TRYING A 50 OHM ANTENNA, AND IF I CAN'T GET A MATCH, I'M GOING WITH 72 OHMS!

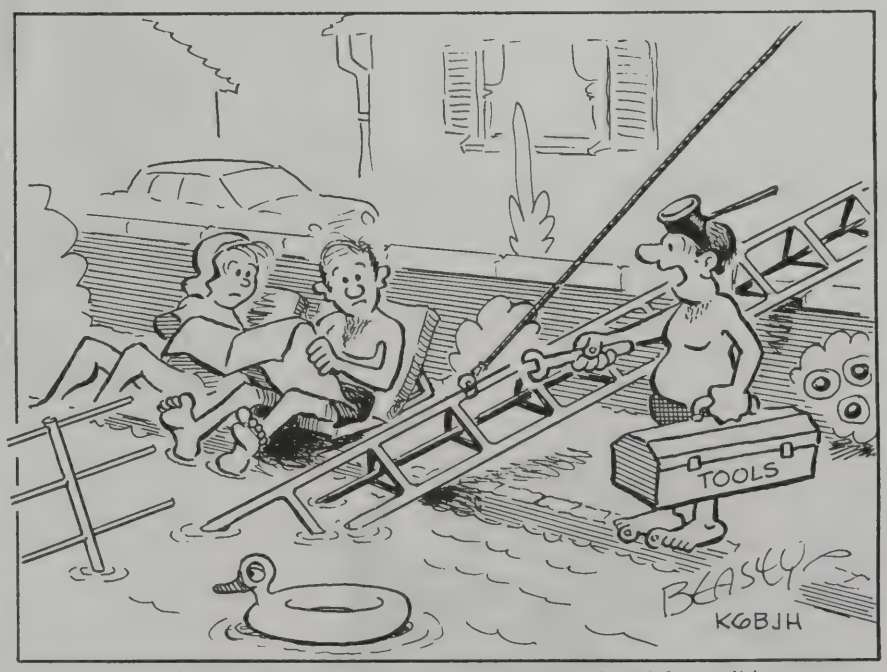


WHY DIDN'T YOU GET OUT OF THE WAY?
NOW YOU'VE BENT MY TOWER!

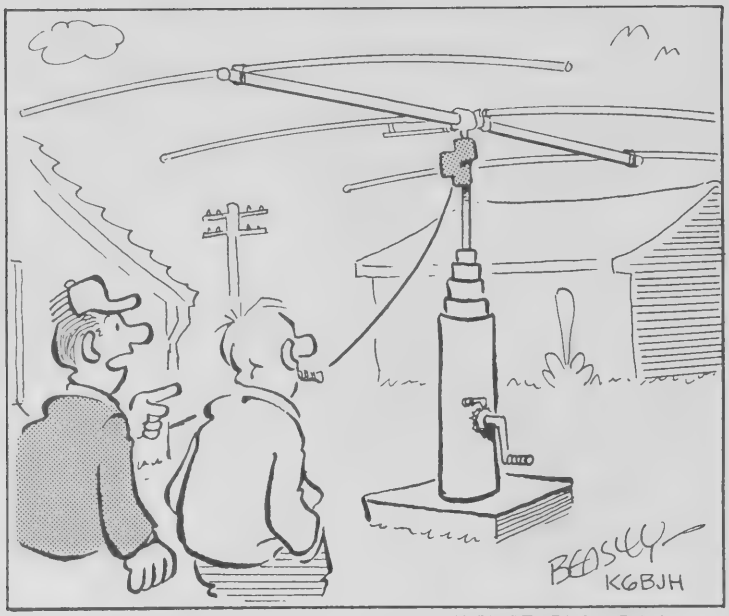


LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT TOO MUCH "MAGNETIC"
IN YOUR ELECTRO-MAGNETIC RADIATION!

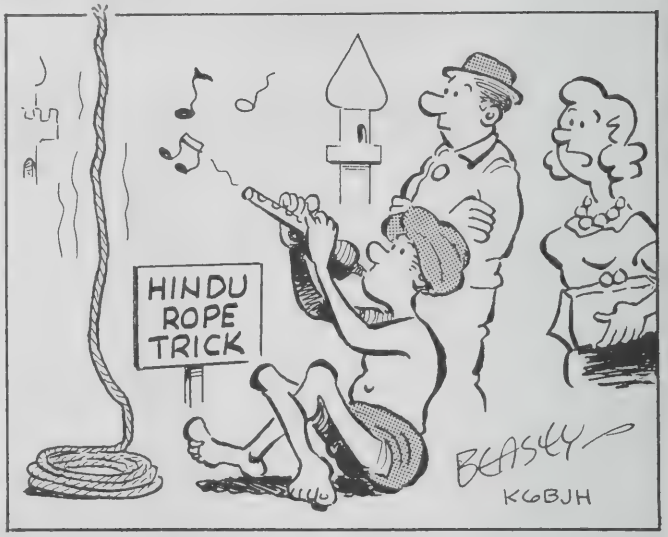
THANKS FOR THE ANTENNA RAISING PARTY, GUYS, BUT I THINK I GOOFED --- MY HOUSE IS NEXT DOOR!



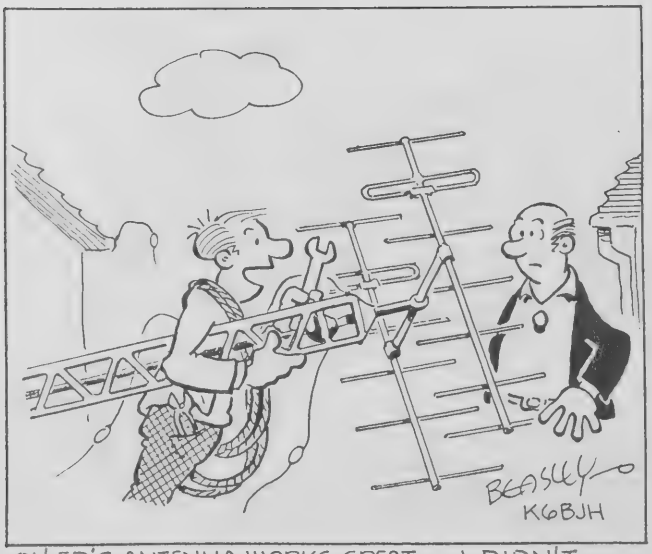
HI, I'M YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND THIS IS MY TILT-OVER TOWER --- GUESS I'LL HAVE TO WORK ON IT OVER HERE



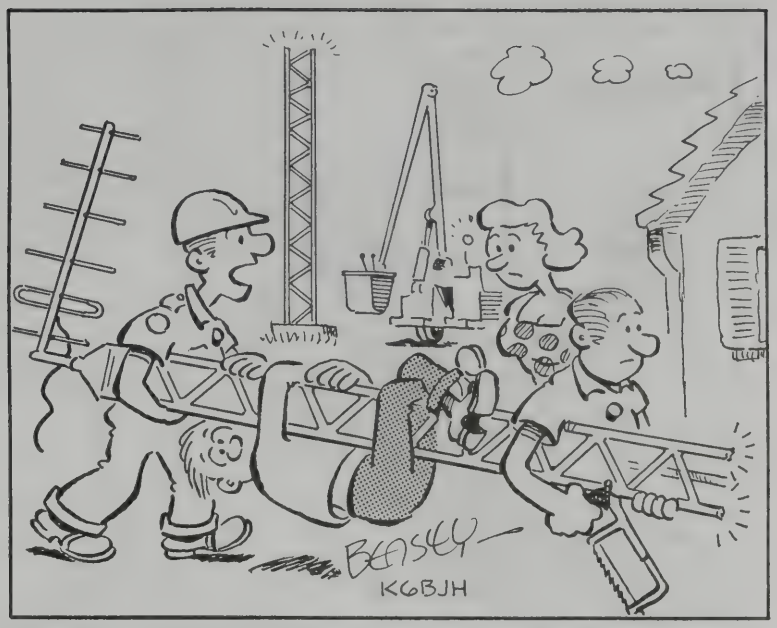
JIM OPERATES WITH IT ONE TURN HIGHER EACH DAY---
HE FIGURES BY THE TIME HE GETS IT UP FIFTY FEET HE'LL
BE OVER HIS MIKE FRIGHT



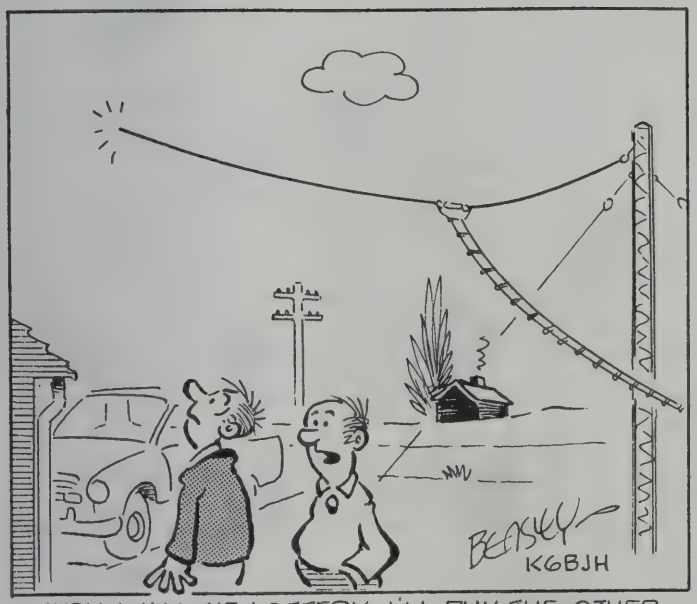
IF YOU COULD FIND OUT HOW HE DOES THAT,
IT WOULD BE EASY TO RAISE YOUR NEW
100 FOOT TOWER



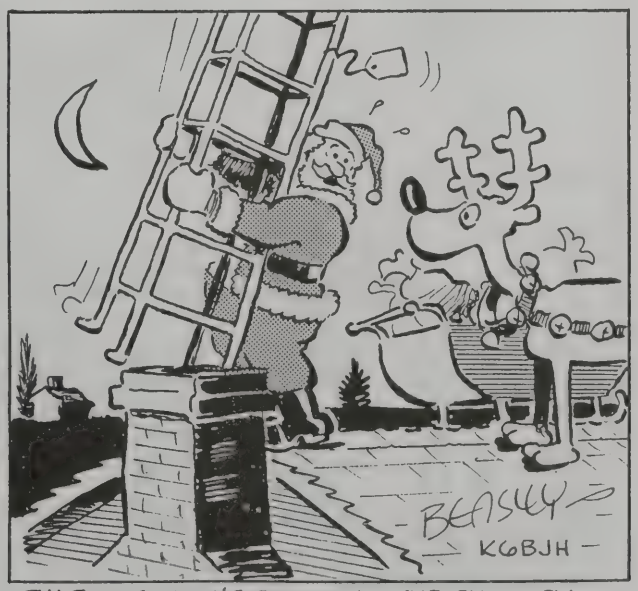
OL' ED'S ANTENNA WORKS GREAT--- I DIDN'T
FIGURE HE'D MIND IF I BORROWED IT WHILE HE'S
OUT OF TOWN



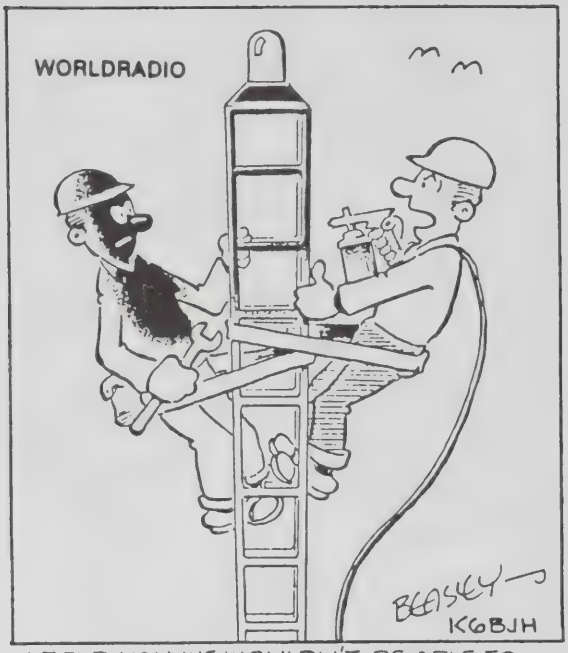
SORRY ABOUT THE TOWER, MA'AM---WE COULDN'T PRY YOUR HUSBAND LOOSE



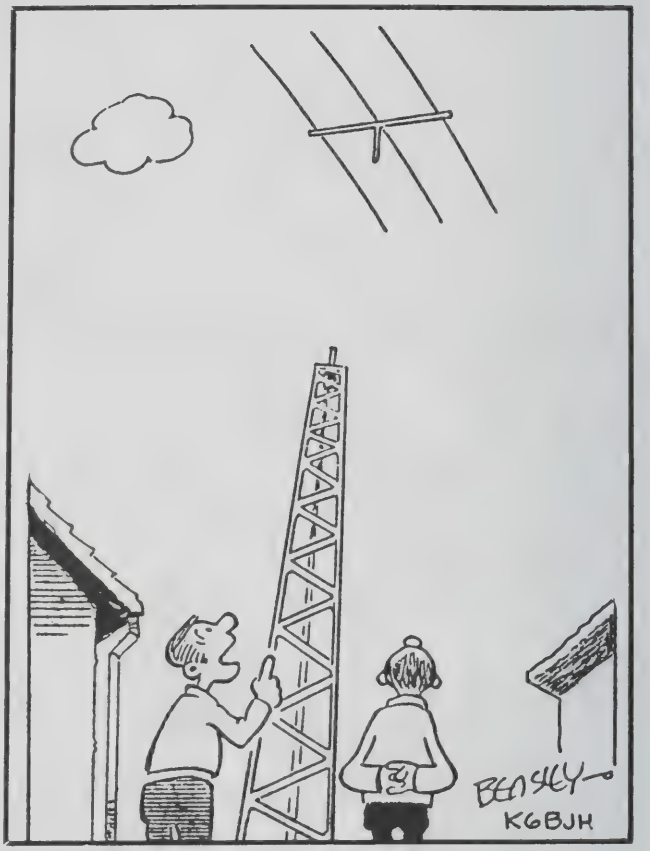
WHEN I WIN THE LOTTERY, I'LL BUY THE OTHER TOWER



THIS ONE WON'T GO DOWN THE CHIMNEY, RUDOLPH --- SEE IF THERE'S A 20 FOOT TELESCOPING MAST IN THE SLED!



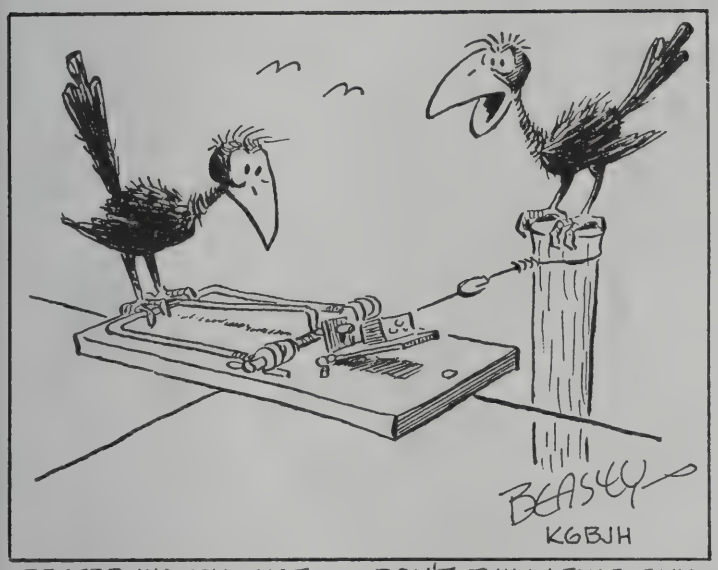
I TOLD YOU WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WORK ON THE SAME LEVEL!



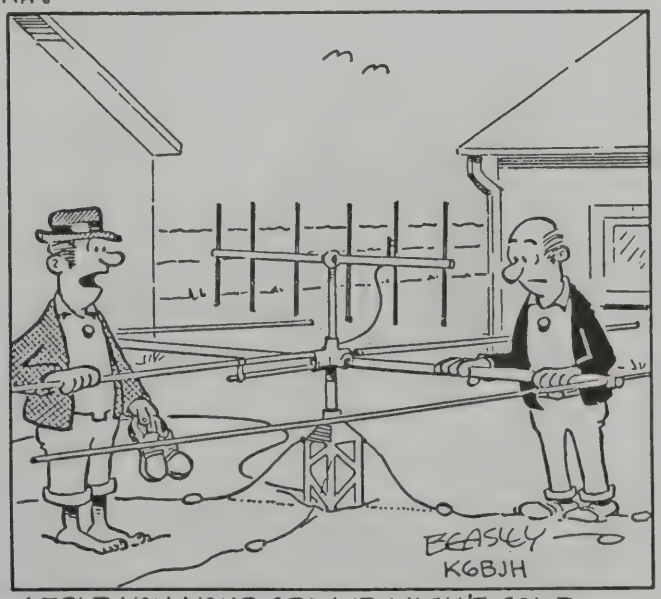
I THOUGHT HERB'S TOWER WAS TALLER THAN THAT!

LOOK WHAT SOME IDIOT THREW AWAY --- I BET I COULD MAKE AN OMNI-DIRECTIONAL GAIN ANTENNA OUT OF THIS

I BELIEVE IT'S THE GENTLEMAN WHO'S HERE TO HELP YOU PUT UP YOUR NEW ANTENNA

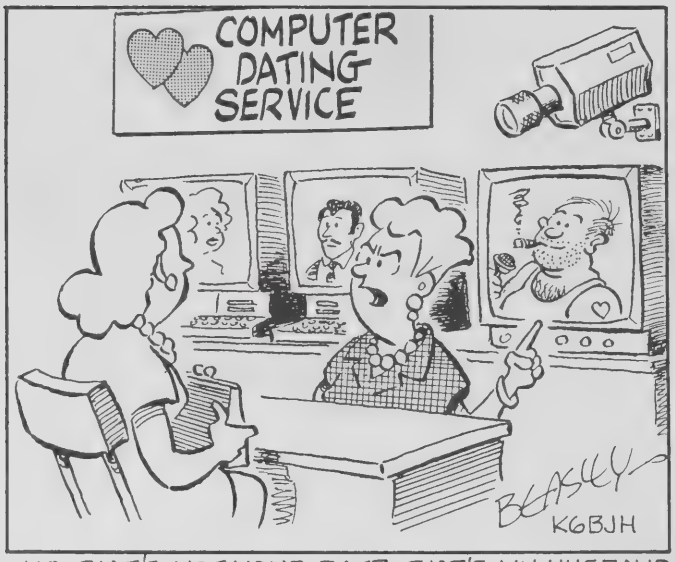


BETTER WATCH THAT--- I DON'T THINK THIS GUY UNDERSTANDS THE CONCEPT OF A TRAP ANTENNA!

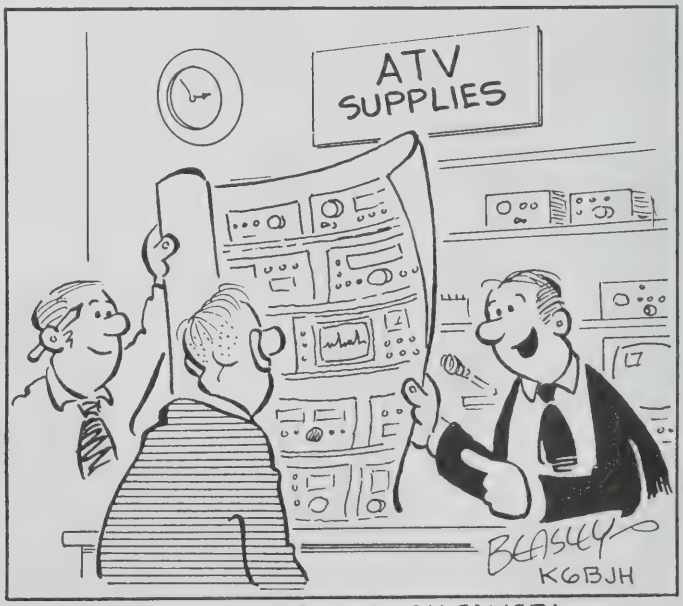


I TOLD YOU YOUR GROUND WASN'T SOLID ENOUGH TO SUPPORT A 60 FOOT TOWER!

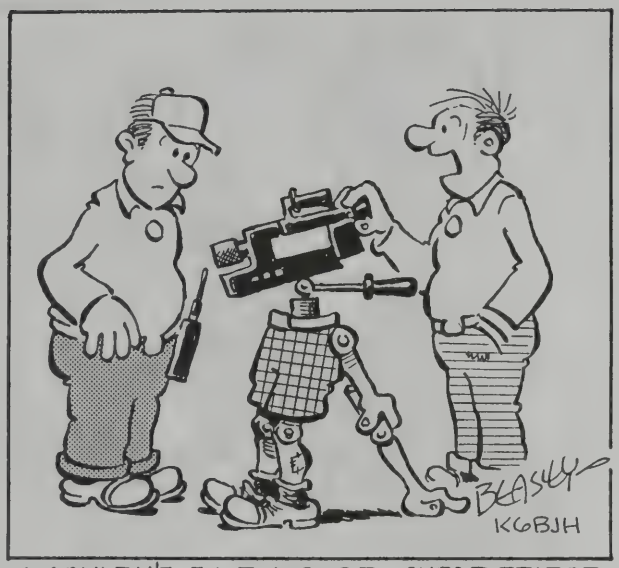
Eyeball QSOs



NO, THAT'S NOT YOUR DATE, THAT'S MY HUSBAND CALLING ME ON ATV!



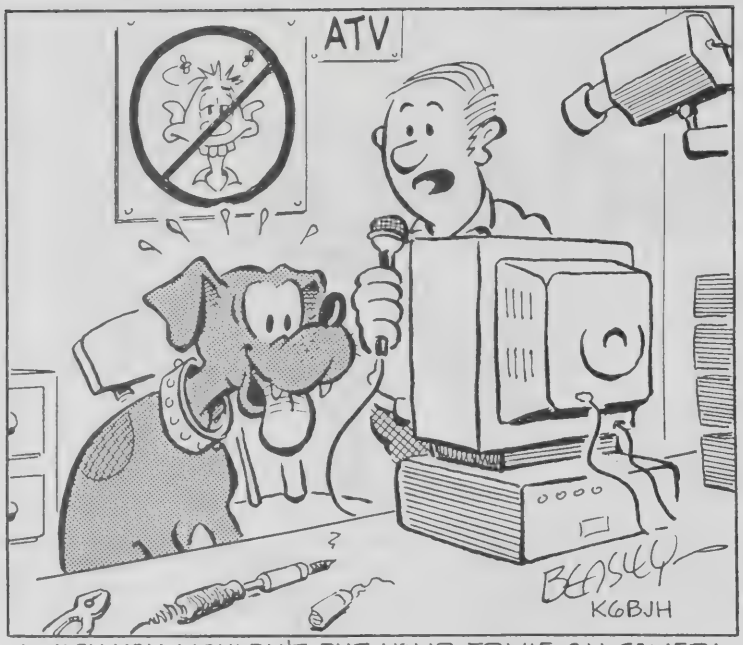
STICK THIS ON YOUR WALL, ON CAMERA--- MAKES IT LOOK LIKE YOU GOT A MILLION DOLLAR STATION!



I COULDN'T FIND A GOOD, CHEAP TRIPOD, BUT I FOUND AN OLD SURPLUS MANNEQUIN AT STEBBIN'S CLOTHING STORE

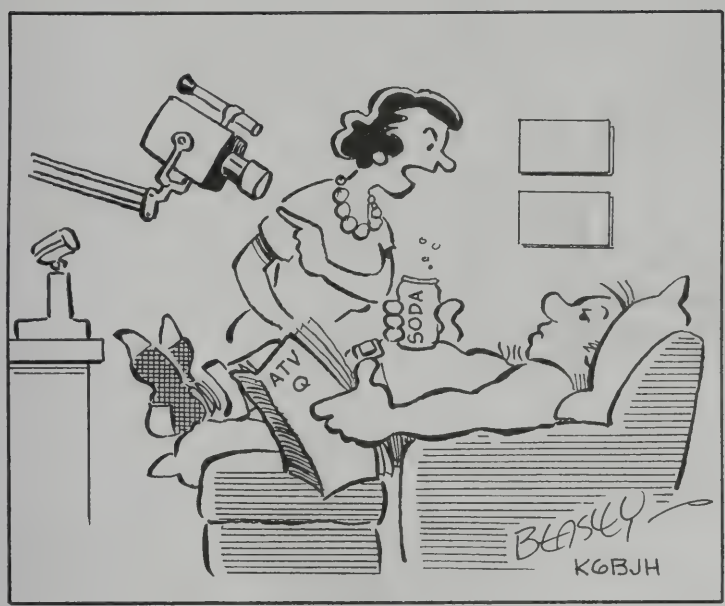
I JUST PUT MY MOTHER-IN-LAW ON CAMERA FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES, BUT I THINK SHE'S PERMANENTLY ETCHED INTO THE PHOSPHORS

HOW ARE YOU AT TROUBLESHOOTING? EVERY TIME THE XYL AND I STAND SIDE-BY-SIDE ON CAMERA, THE PICTURE FLOPS OVER!



I WISH YOU WOULDN'T PUT YOUR TRIXIE ON CAMERA WHILE RUPERT IS IN MY SHACK--- HE'S FOGGING MY MONITOR!

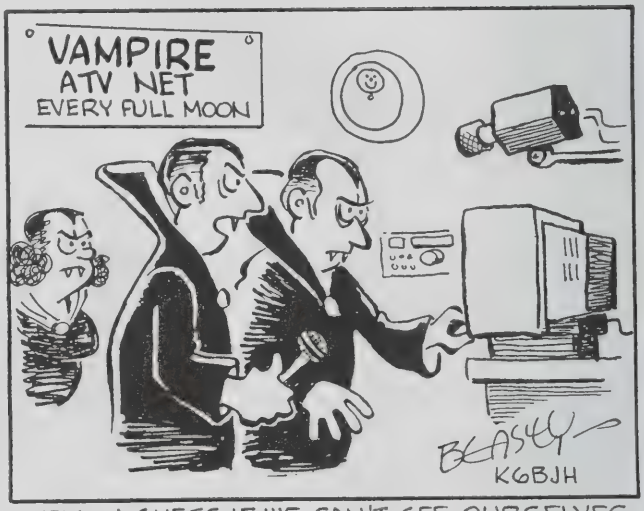
I HAD TO DO THIS--- I KEPT KNOCKING THE CAMERA TRIPOD OVER



WITH YOU, HOW DOES THE GUY ON THE OTHER END KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE ON SLOW SCAN OR FAST SCAN?

WOW, HE REALLY **IS** JUST VARIOUS SHADES OF GRAY--- I THOUGHT HE WAS USING A BLACK AND WHITE CAMERA!

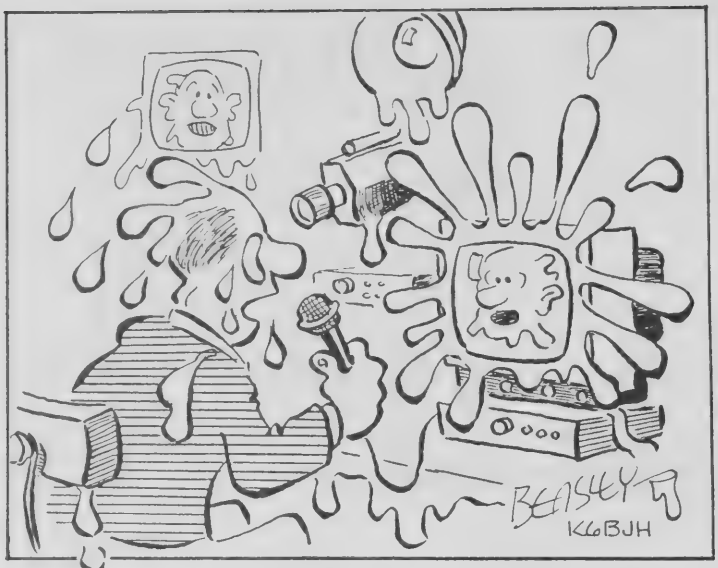
WORST CASE OF SAWTOOTH WAVE RUNAWAY I'VE EVER SEEN!



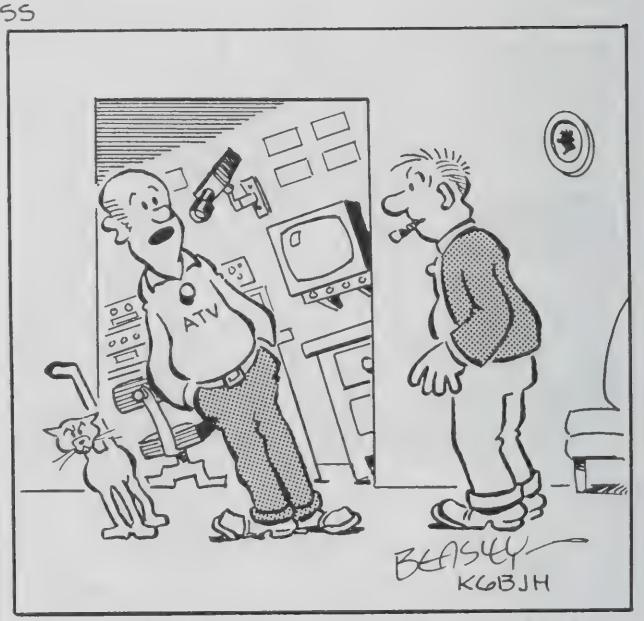
WELL, I GUESS IF WE CAN'T SEE OURSELVES IN A MIRROR, WE WON'T SHOW UP ON A TV MONITOR!

I THINK I'LL GO BACK TO REGULAR RADIO--- EVERYBODY HERE IS UGLIER THAN I THOUGHT THEY'D BE!

I TOLD YOU HIS SYNC PULSES WERE WEAK!

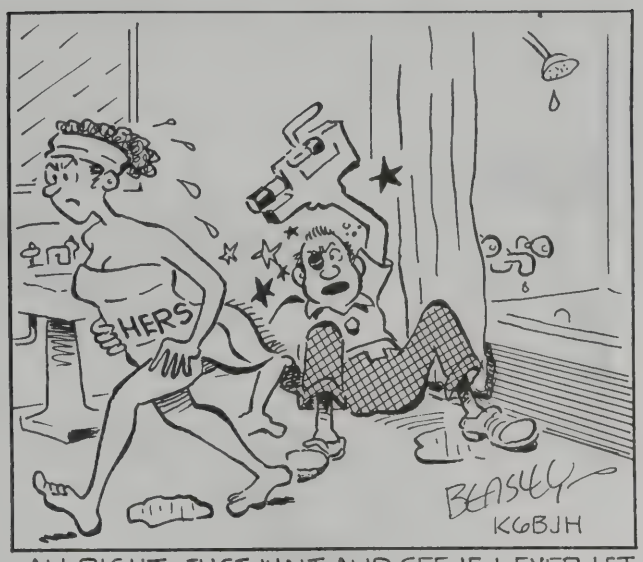


I GOT MY AUDIO SQUARED AWAY, NOW I GUESS MY VIDEO IS SPLATTERING!



I THINK IT ALL STARTED WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY MOUNTED MY MONITOR ON A SLANT

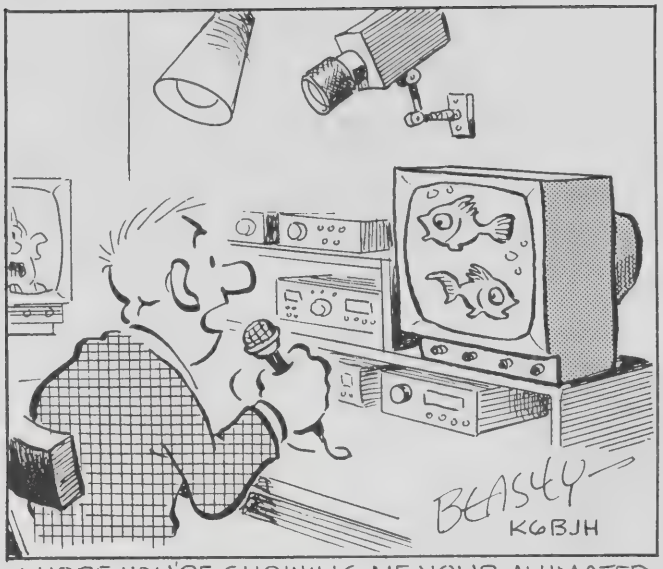
CAN YOU AND YOUR XYL MIX IT UP A LITTLE ON CAMERA? MINE DOESN'T LIKE TO WATCH THE TUBE UNLESS THERE'S SOME VIOLENCE!



ALLRIGHT, JUST WAIT AND SEE IF I EVER LET **YOU** BE ON CANDID ATV AGAIN!

HEY, I CAN'T GET THIS ©#★!! STUPID I.D. BADGE OF YOURS TO STICK TO MY JACKET!

MY WIFE CALLS THIS AN **ATV DINNER**--- SHE ONLY SERVES IT WHEN I IGNORE THE DINNER BELL!



I HOPE YOU'RE SHOWING ME YOUR ANIMATED FISH LOGO, BILL--- IF NOT, THE XYL MADE GOOD ON HER THREAT TO TURN MY MONITOR INTO AN AQUARIUM!

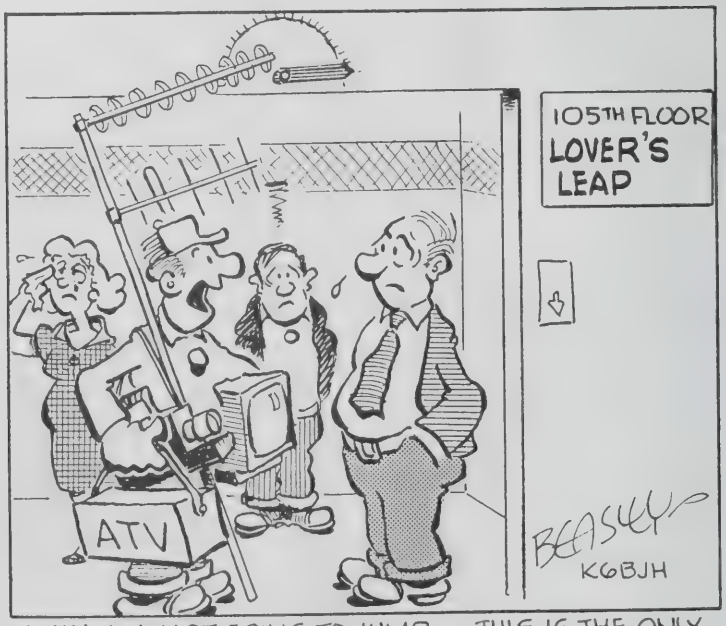
THIS ISN'T HELIUM --- IT SAYS "NATURALLY CARBONATED QUININE WATER --- SUITABLE FOR GIN AND TONIC!"

THAT'S MY BROTHER, SPIKE, THE LUCKY DOG--- HE'S RIPPIN' OFF A SHACK OVER IN RITZY HEIGHTS!

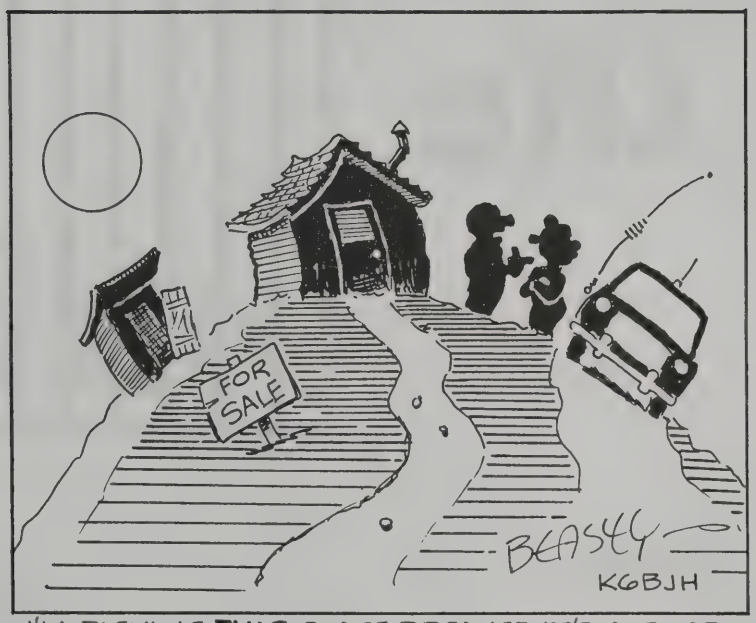
I ENJOYED HENRY'S ATV DEMO, BUT I'M CURIOUS WHY HE MOUNTED THE MONITOR ON THE CEILING!

I CAN LET YOU HAVE THIS TRIPOD FOR 1/3 OFF. IT'S ONLY MISSING ONE LEG

RABBIT EARS? RABBIT EARS FOR TV RECEPTION? HE'S PULLING YOUR LEG!!



NAW, I'M NOT GOING TO JUMP---THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE I CAN HIT THE POTTSVILLE ATV REPEATER!



I'M PICKING **THIS** PLACE BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD ATV LOCATION. **YOU** PICKED OUR LAST ONE AND I COULDN'T EVEN GET A PICTURE ACROSS TOWN!

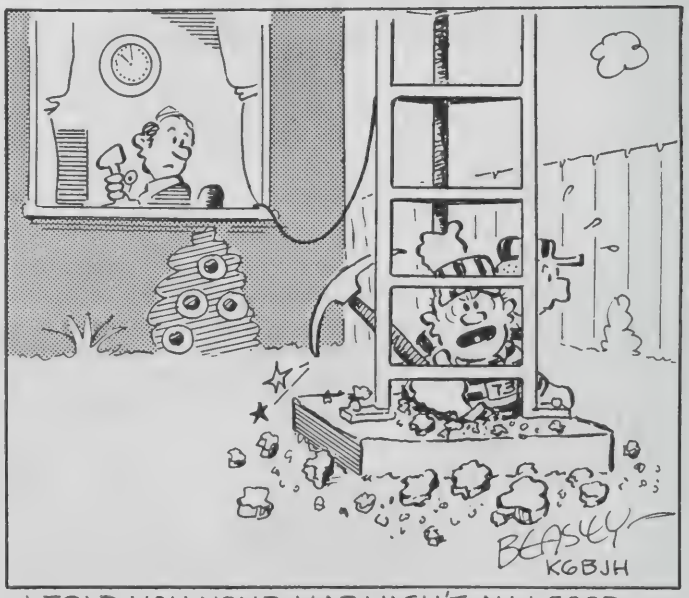
On the inside

YOU GOT A LETTER FROM THE FCC --- THEY WOULD LIKE A CLEARER EXPLANATION ON WHY YOU WANT TO OPERATE A REMOTE

HEY, YOU GUYS TOLD ME TO PICK A SHOP PROJECT-
I JUST HAPPENED TO CHOOSE A TILT-OVER TOWER!

I BAKED YOUR LITTLE HANDHELD RADIO IN THERE
IN CASE YOU WANT TO SNEAK A FEW QSOs.

I GUESS THIS MEANS YOU WON'T BE MAKING OUR SKED ON 75 METERS FOR A WHILE

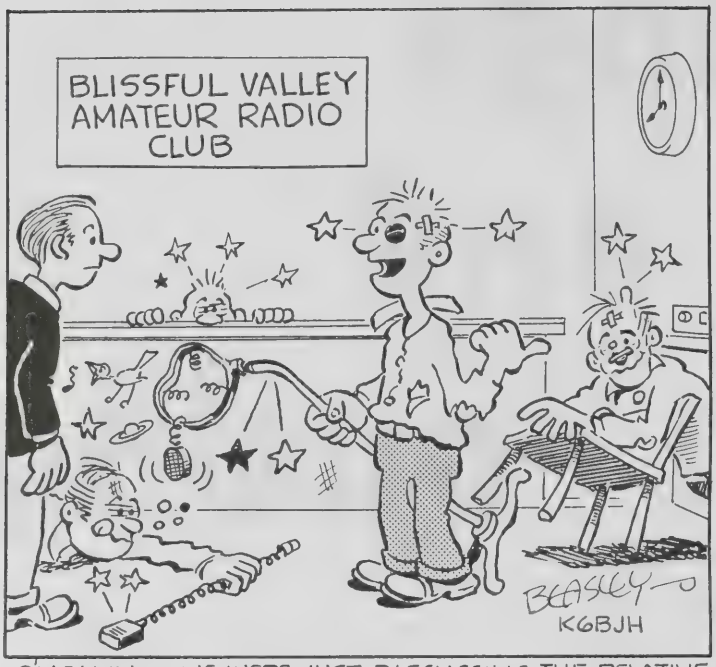


I TOLD YOU YOUR MAP WASN'T ANY GOOD --- WE'RE STILL INSIDE THE ©#★!! CELLBLOCK!!

Meetings and outings

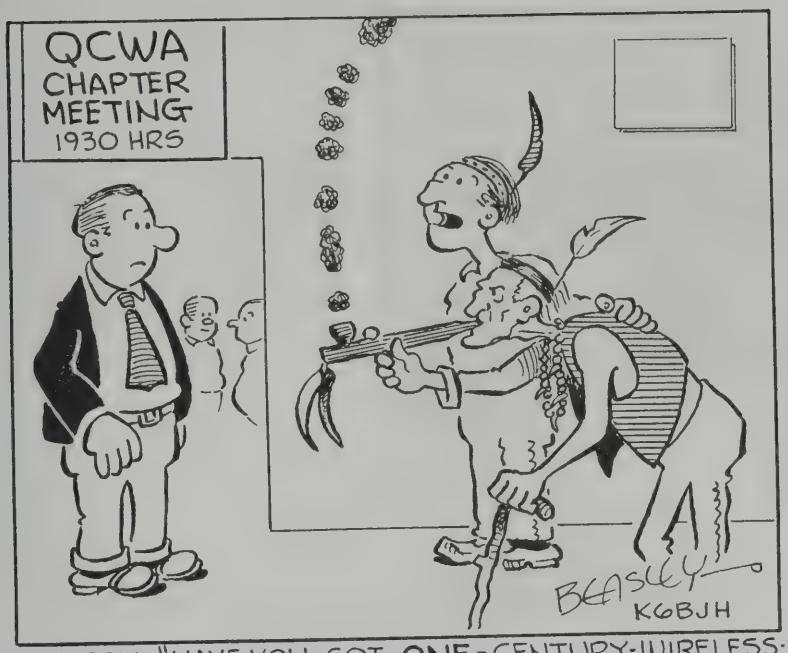
IT'S A GOOD THING THIS IS A HOBBY--- YOU COULDN'T PAY US ENOUGH TO DO THIS FOR A LIVING

OUR DX AWARD OF THE YEAR TENTATIVELY GOES TO OUR NEWCOMER, HERE, AS SOON AS HE GETS THE QSL CARD --- HE CALLED HOME!



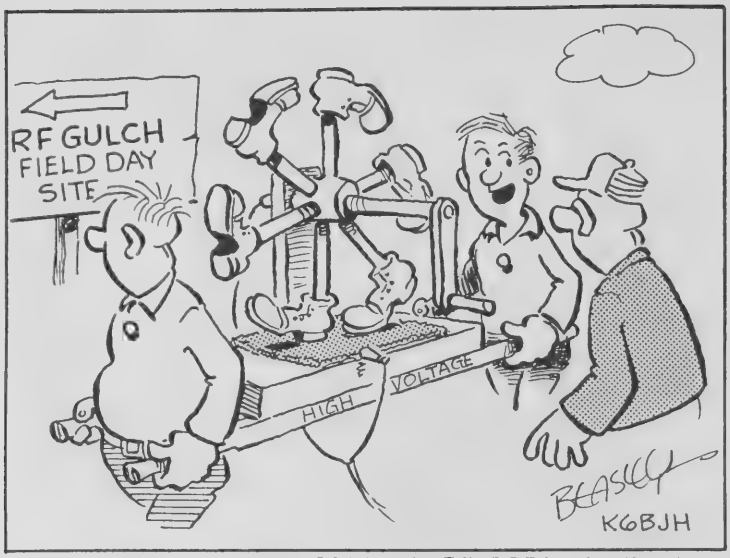
C'MON IN---WE WERE JUST DISCUSSING THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE OLD RIBBON MICROPHONE VERSUS THE ELECTRET MIKE !

YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID--- HE WAS TRYING TO TELL US A VERTICAL WAS BETTER THAN A HORIZONTAL

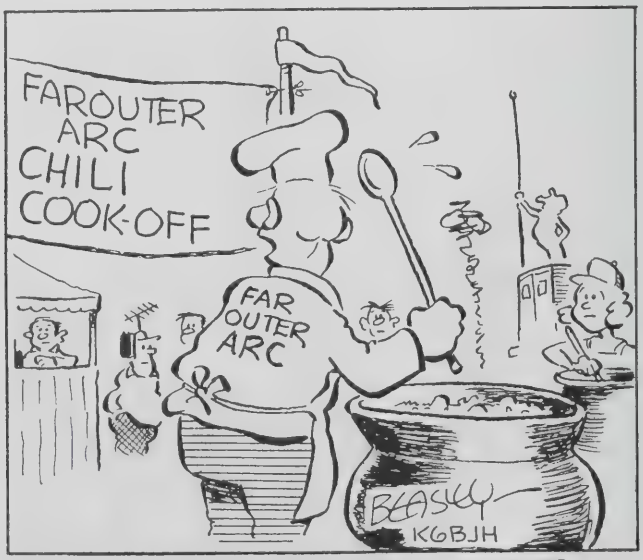


HE SAY: "HAVE-YOU-GOT-ONE-CENTURY-WIRELESS-CHAPTER?"

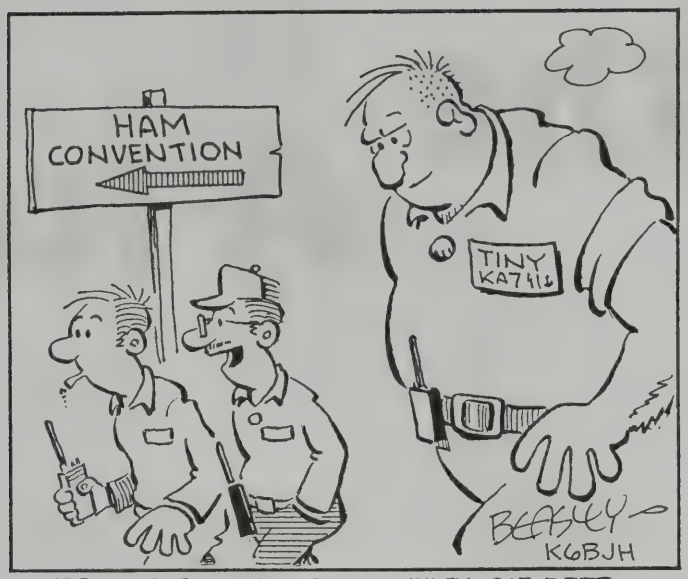
WHAT IS YOUR SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO?



IF YOU CAN FIND US SOME MORE SCRAPS OF NYLON CARPET, WE'VE GOT A STANDBY GENERATOR.



GIVE ME A SHOUT, FRED, SO I CAN TRACE MY LITTLE HANDHELD --- I THINK I DROPPED IT IN THE CHILI POT!



EVER NOTICE HOW THE GUYS WITH THE DEEP, BOOMING VOICES ARE USUALLY RUNTS? I WONDER HOW DINKY OL' TINY IS

I TOLD THE GUYS YOU'D TAKE IT O.K. WHEN I SAID YOU HAD THE LOUSIEST SIGNAL ON THE BAND!

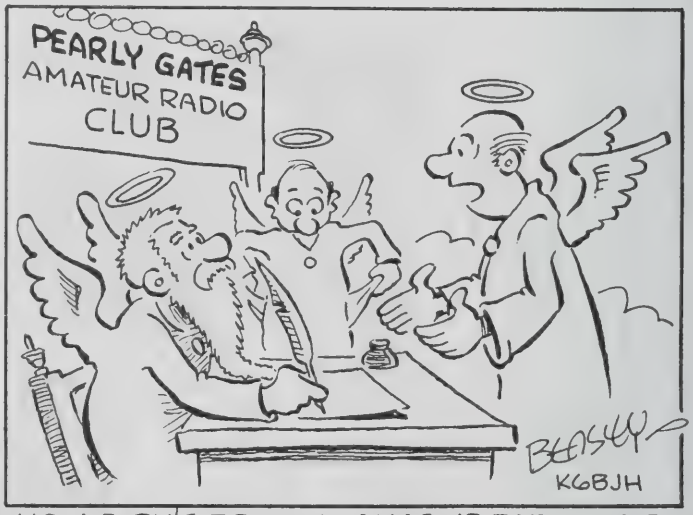
The Afterham

I HAD TO MOVE OUT--- SOME @#!!★ HAM MOVED IN,
NOW THERE'S SO MUCH RF IN THERE, I ACTUALLY IONIZED!

I GOT INTERESTED IN VINTAGE RADIO AND DISCOVERED PLATE CAPS AND ELECTROCUTION AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME!

NO RUBBER DUCKS!

I WONDERED WHY OL' HARRY'S RHOMBIC ALWAYS WINDS UP IN GRANNY KNOTS --- SO THAT'S YOU, EH?



NO, I DIDN'T BRING MY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR'S LICENSE --- THEY ALWAYS TOLD ME I COULDN'T TAKE IT WITH ME

IT SERVED ME SO WELL BEFORE IT DIED, I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT STUFFED AND MOUNTED

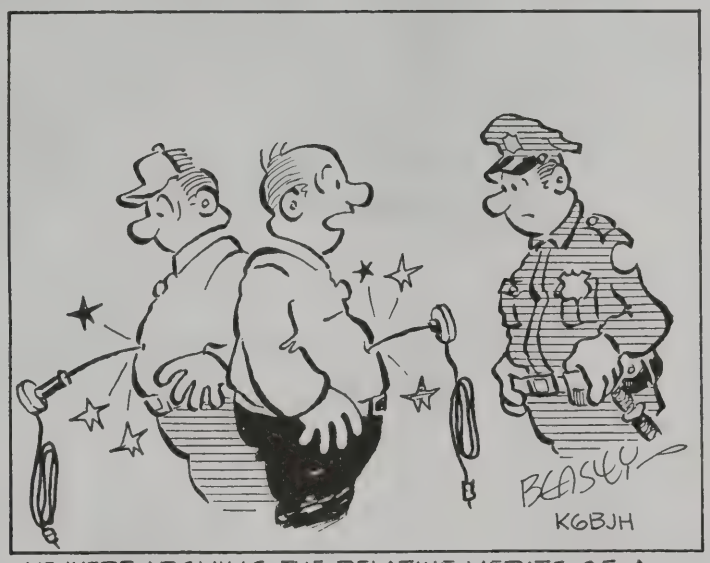
I MADE A DEAL WITH OL' FRED THAT WHOEVER WENT FIRST WOULD TRY TO SET UP A SKED WITH THE OTHER, BUT HE'S PROBABLY POINTING HIS BEAM STRAIGHT DOWN!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT IS IT?" IT'S A GROUND ROD, YOU IDIOT!--YOU SET ME UP A BRANCH OFFICE RIGHT UNDER SOME HAM!

SO THAT'S WHO HE IS--- I WONDERED WHY HE NEVER WORKS ANYTHING BUT C.W.

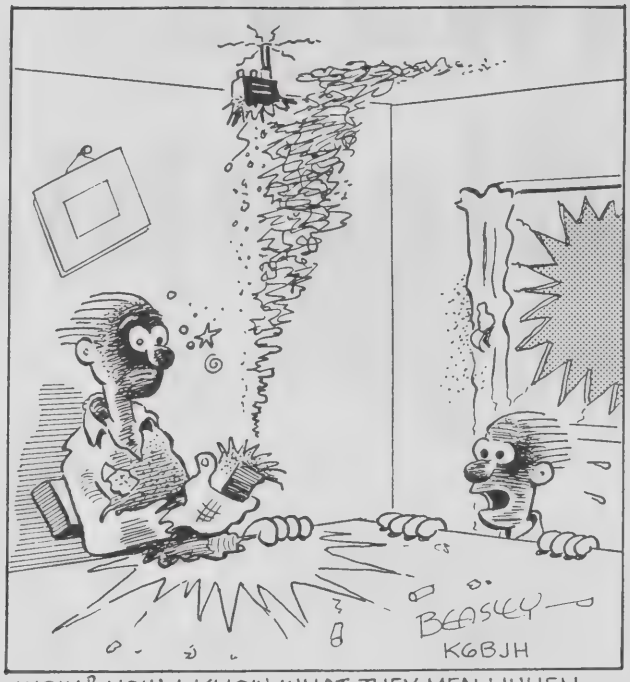
HE WANTED TO GO UP FOR BETTER RADIO PROPAGATION, BUT OL' ST PETE TOLD HIM WHERE HE'S GOING, HE'LL HAVE AN EXCELLENT GROUND!

Not always predictable



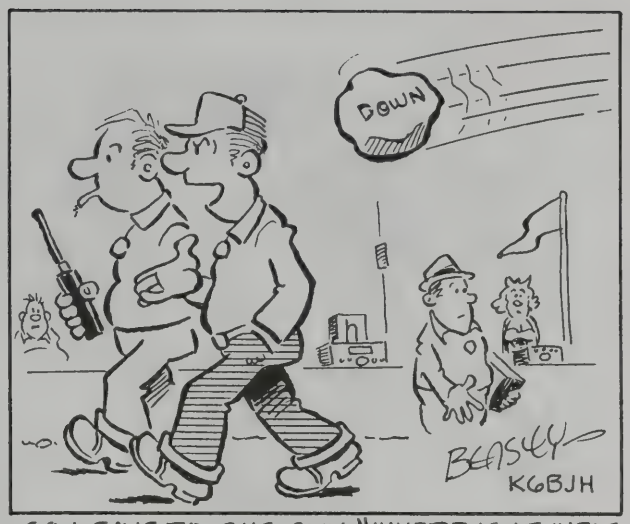
WE WERE ARGUING THE RELATIVE MERITS OF A 1/4 WAVE MAGMOUNT VS A 5/8 WAVE, AND HE CHALLENGED ME TO A DUEL!

I HAVE TO SIGN WITH YOU NOW, WES--- I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO GET BACK WITH YOU!

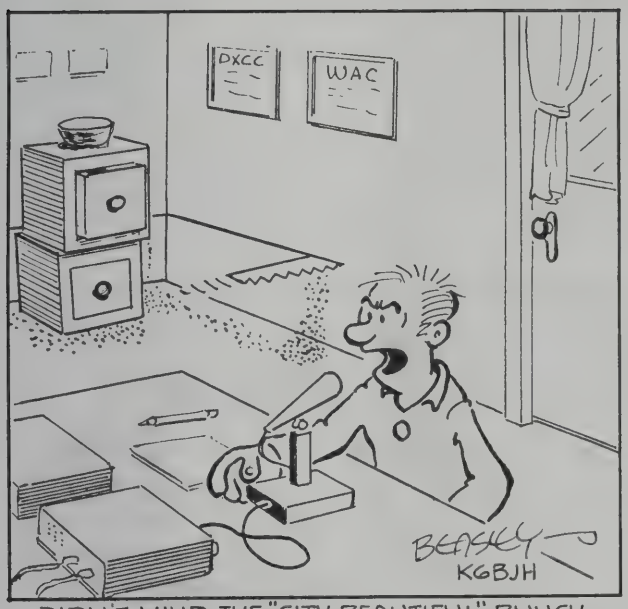


WOW! NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY "BE SURE TO OBSERVE POLARITY WHEN INSTALLING BATTERIES!"

SIR, I BELIEVE SOMEONE IS SELLING ISOPOLE ANTENNAS TO THE INDIANS, AND THEY'RE NOT USING THEM PROPERLY

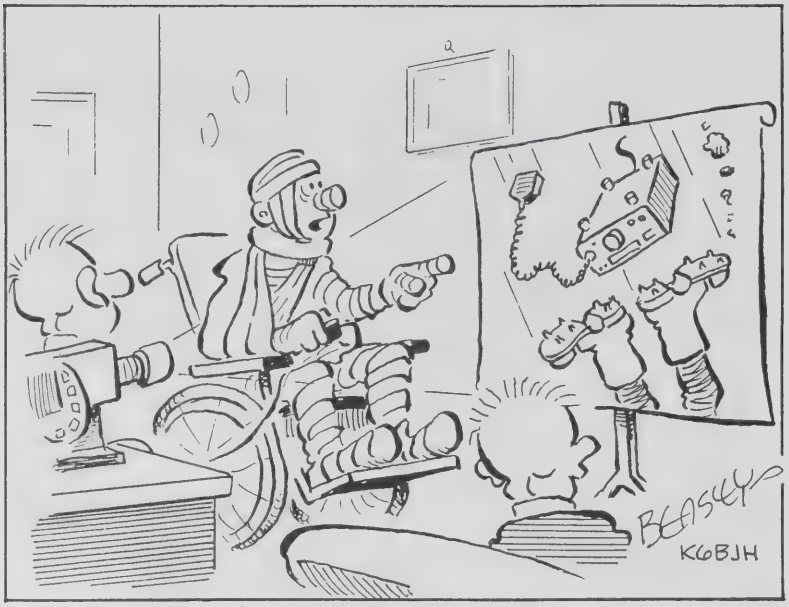


-SO I SAYS TO THIS GUY, "WHERE IS IT WRITTEN IN STONE THAT I HAVE TO KEEP MY SPEECH PROCESSER TURNED DOWN?"

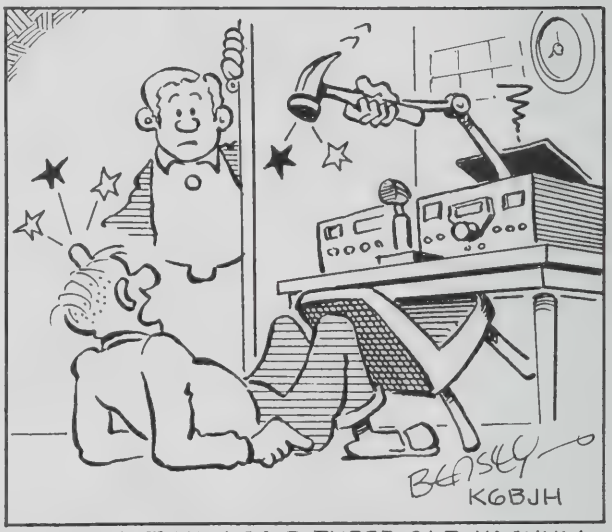


I DIDN'T MIND THE "CITY BEAUTIFUL" BUNCH TELLING ME TO TAKE MY TOWER DOWN, BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AFTER MY SHACK!

YOU IDIOT, THAT WASN'T THE DANCE TO BRING BACK THE GREAT FLOCKS OF WILD DUCKS ---YOU'VE BROUGHT US A PLAGUE OF RUBBER DUCKS!



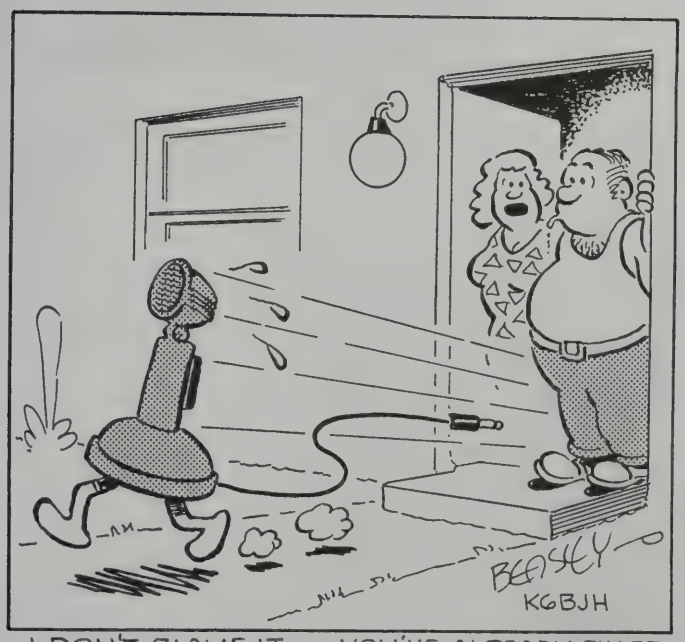
— AND THIS SHOT WAS MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY LAST DX CONTACT ATOP MOUNT McKINLEY!



I THOUGHT YOU SAID THESE OLD VACUUM TUBE RIGS WERE MORE **FORGIVING** OUT OF RESONANCE!

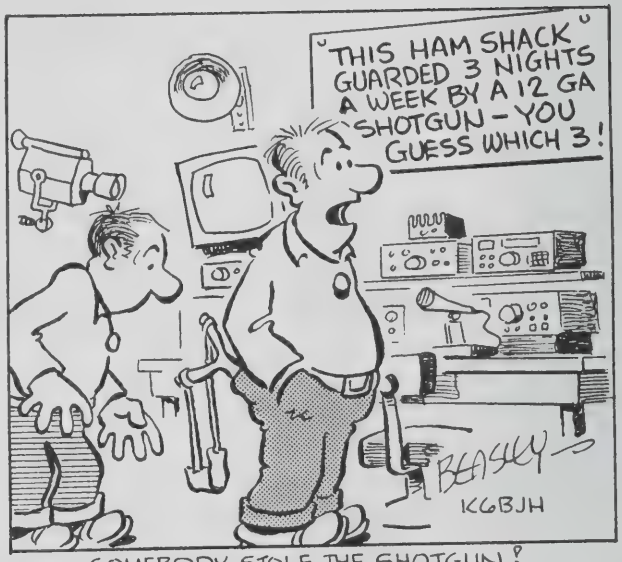
I LEFT THE QSL CARDS ON YOUR WALL---
I FIGURED THERE MIGHT BE SOME SENTIMENTAL VALUE TO THEM

WAIT---I CAN SEE THE OL' BOY THROUGH THE WINDOW--HE'S GOING TO DISCONNECT HIS ANTENNA---HIS HAND IS NEAR THE CO-AX CONNECTOR--- NOW! THROW THAT SUCKER NOW!

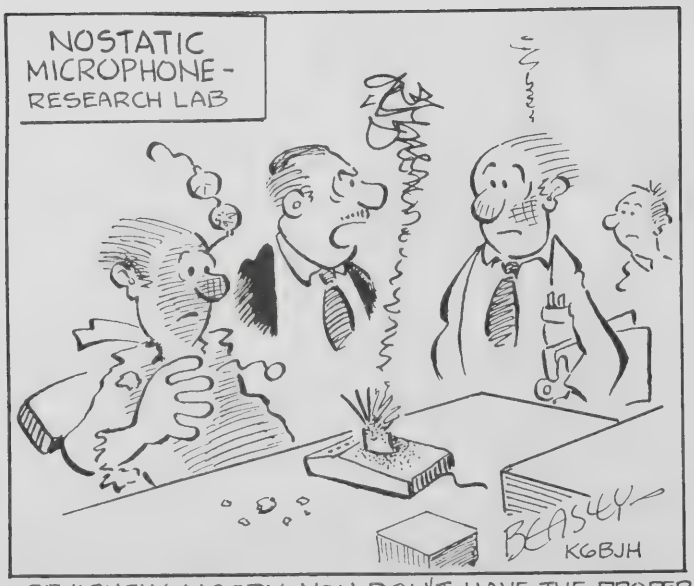


I DON'T BLAME IT--- YOU'VE ALREADY FILLED FOUR LOG BOOKS THIS MONTH!

DON'T BELIEVE YOU CAN USE MY BOB-WIRE FENCE FER A AERIAL, NEIGHBOR-- I REGULARLY RUN ABOUT 20,000 VOLTS ON IT

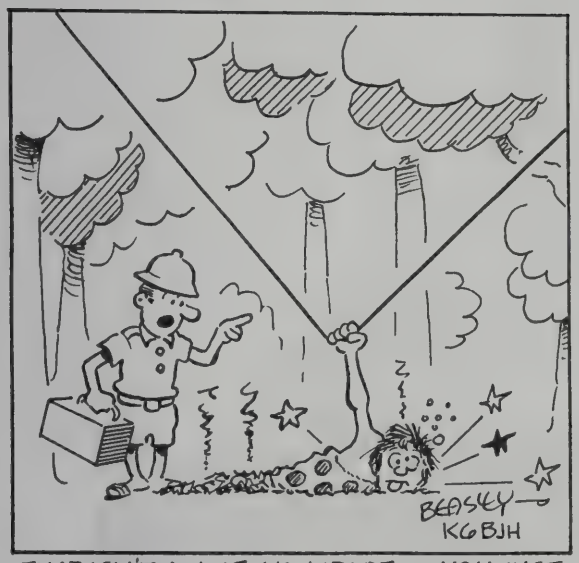


SOMEBODY STOLE THE SHOTGUN!

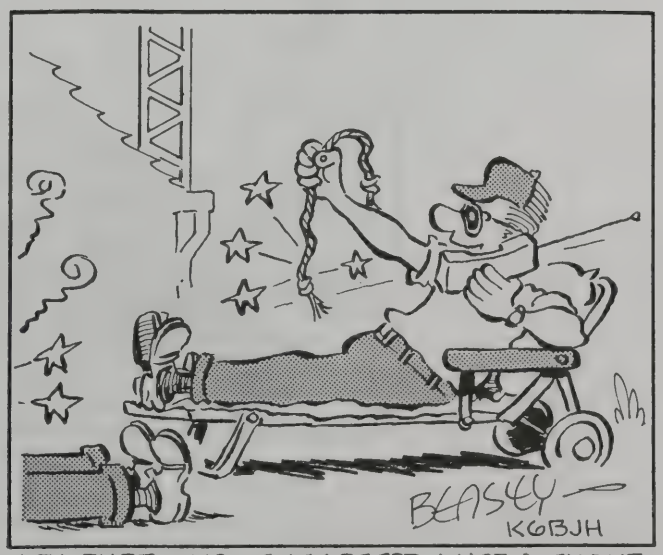


OBVIOUSLY, MOODY, YOU DON'T HAVE THE PROPER CONCEPT OF A BOOM MIKE!

BOY, THOSE GUYS SURE ARE DUMB--I FOLLOWED THEIR SCHEMATIC TO THE LETTER; IT DON'T WORK!

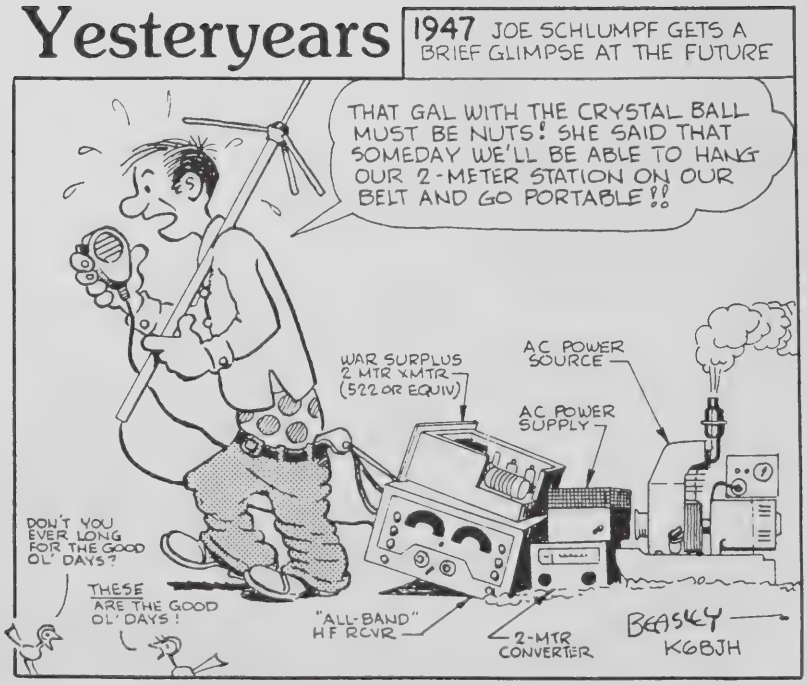


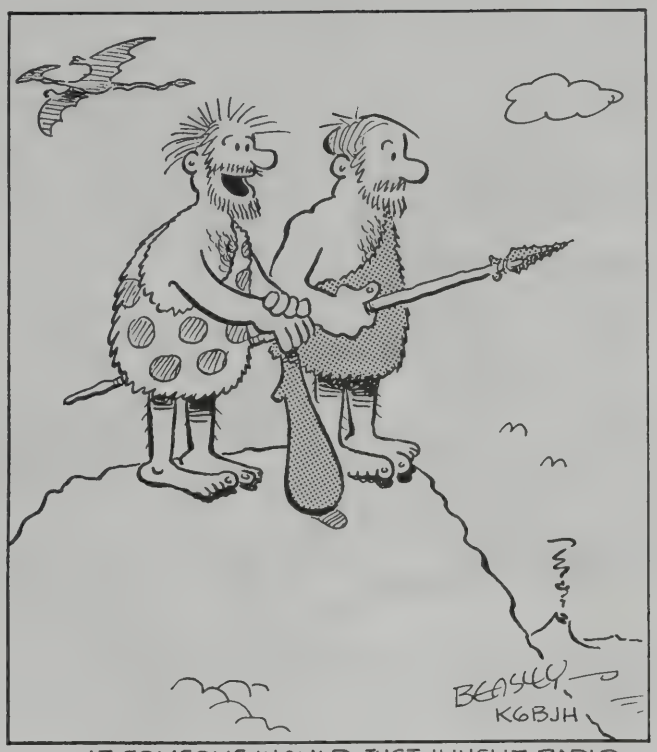
THAT ISN'T A VINE, YOU IDIOT---YOU JUST TOOK THAT NEW MISSIONARY'S 15 METER STATION OFF THE AIR!



HEY, BURT--YOU SUGGESTED I USE A CHOKE TO SOLVE MY TVI PROBLEM---IT WORKED!

The good ol' days

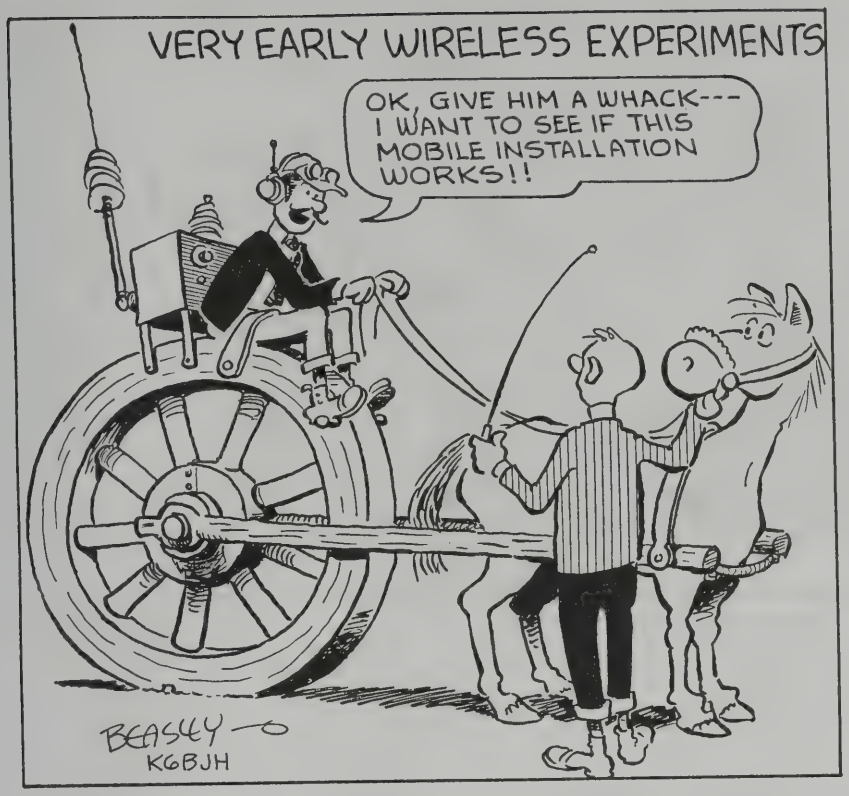


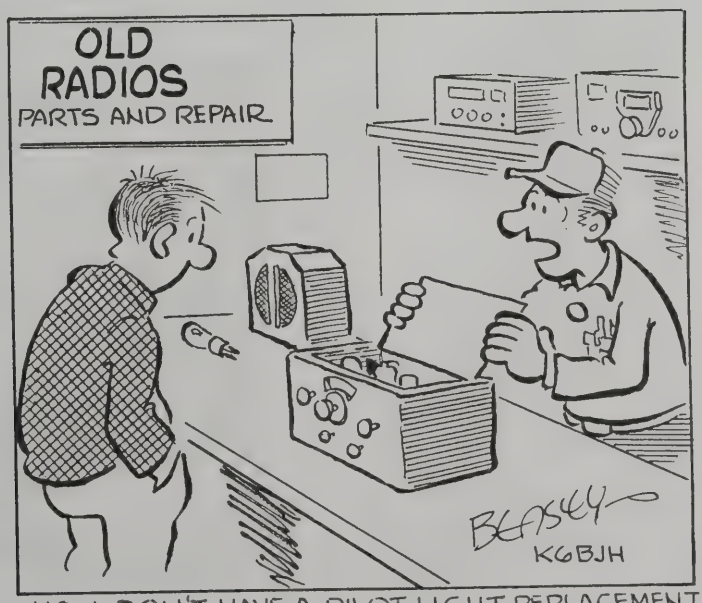


BOY, IF SOMEONE WOULD JUST INVENT RADIO, WOULDN'T THIS MAKE A DANDY REPEATER SITE?

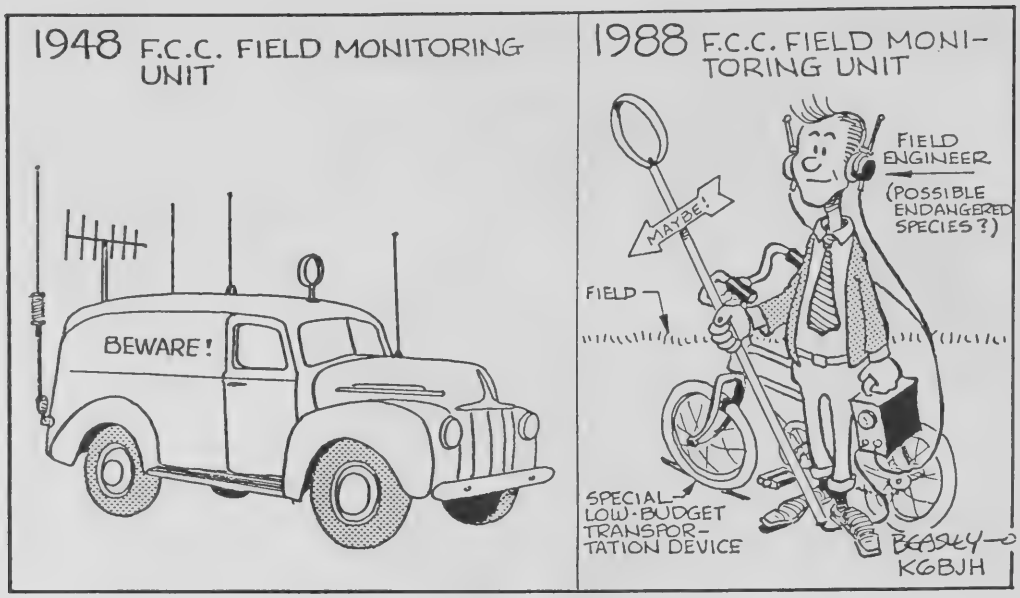
HE'S FROM THE NEIGHBORING TRIBE--- HE SAY YOU'RE USING TOO MUCH POWER--- YOU SPLATTERING OVER ENTIRE BAND!

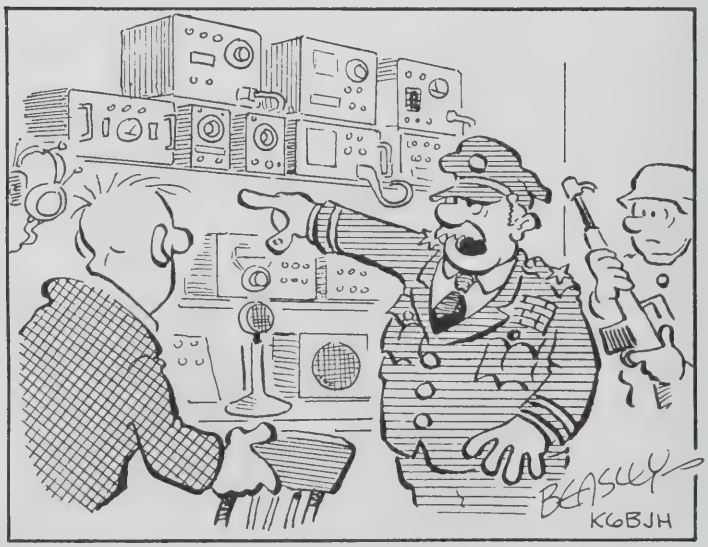
YOU GOT TO SEND SECRET "FOR YOUR EYES ONLY" MESSAGE TO THE CHIEF, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE SECRET CLEARANCE!



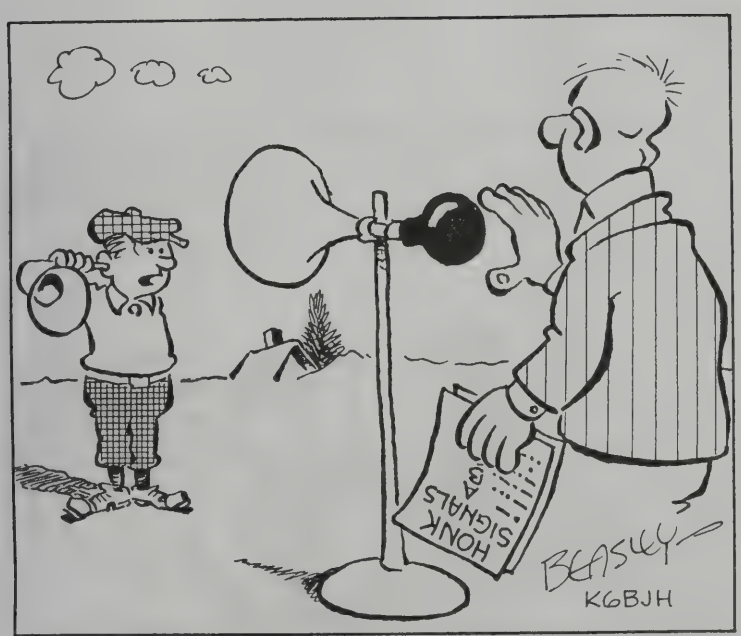


NO, I DON'T HAVE A PILOT LIGHT REPLACEMENT. THIS ONE IS SO OLD IT'LL TAKE A NEW WICK AND A PINT OF KEROSENE!





THAT OLD WWII MILITARY SURPLUS RADIO GEAR IS HOLDING UP BETTER THAN SOME OF OUR NEW GEAR--- WE WANT IT BACK!

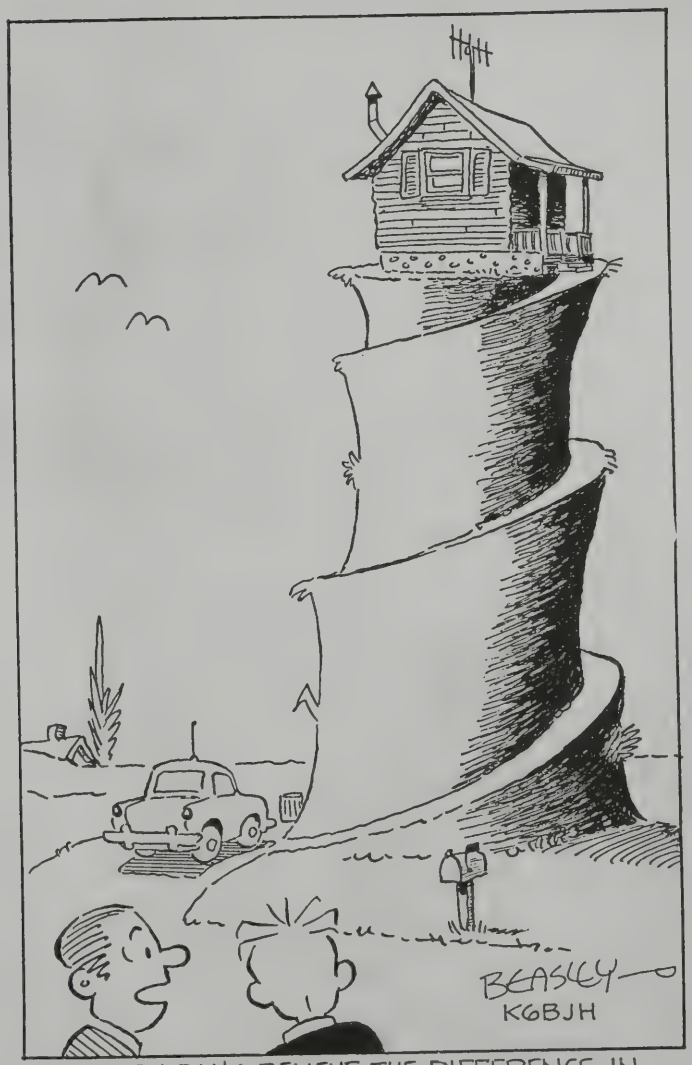


YOU SURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH THIS "WIRELESS" THING? SOME GUY NAMED MARCONI IS WORKING WITH ELECTRICITY!

NEW ZEALAND WAS COMING IN, I HIT THE MIC BUTTON, THE HEADLIGHTS DIMMED AND I COULDN'T SEE THE ROAD!

WE USE HER FOR DX--- IF THE WIND IS RIGHT, SHE'S SOLID COPY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VALLEY!

It takes all kinds

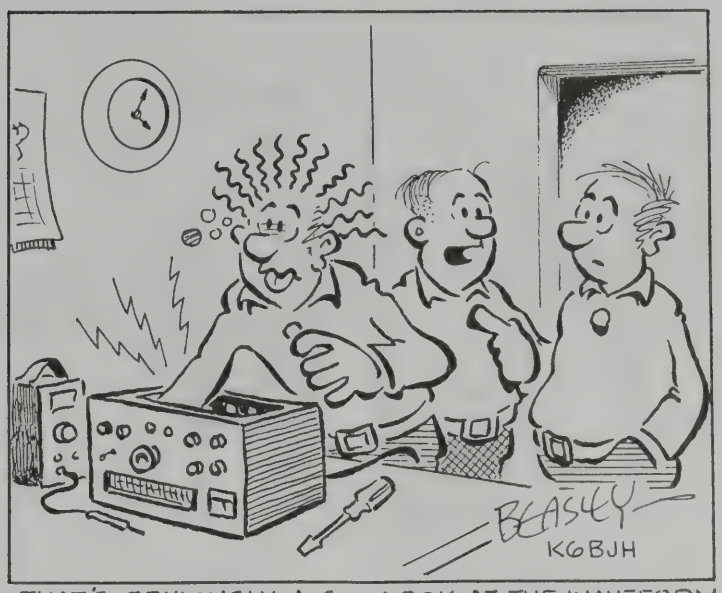


YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE DIFFERENCE IN RECEPTION BETWEEN JUST THE DRIVEWAY AND THE FRONT PORCH OF BILL'S QTH!

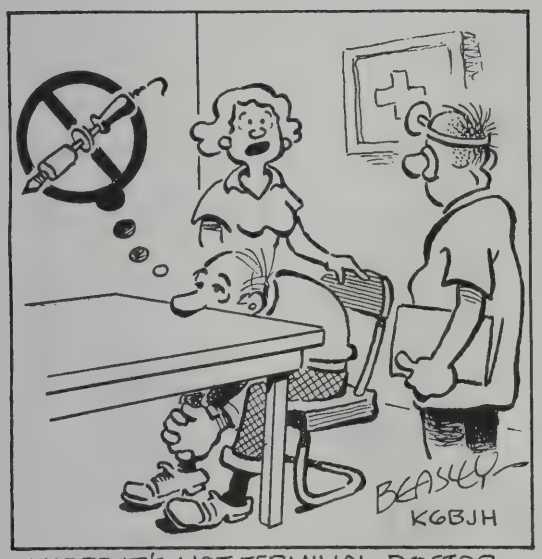
I LIKE THE NEW RADIO, BUT THE DARN CO-AX IS TOO SHORT!

THAT'S NOT THE **REAL** SANTA CLAUS, AND THAT'S **YOUR** VIKING RANGER HE'S GOT IN THAT BAG!

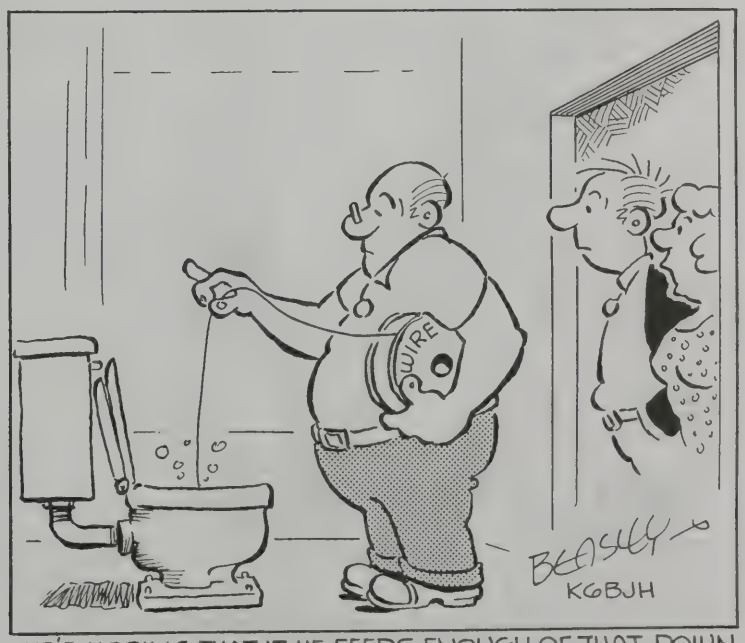
SOUNDS LIKE OL' STEVE IS HOLDING HIS MICROPHONE UPSIDE DOWN, AGAIN



THAT'S OBVIOUSLY A.C.---LOOK AT THE WAVEFORM



I HOPE IT'S NOT TERMINAL, DOCTOR---
HE'S BEEN THIS WAY SINCE HEATHKIT
STOPPED SELLING HAM GEAR!

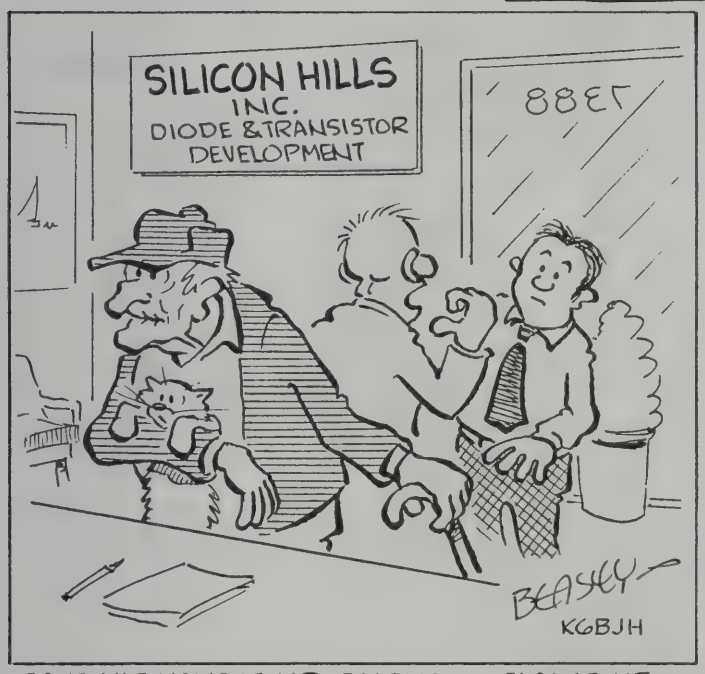


HE'S HOPING THAT IF HE FEEDS ENOUGH OF THAT DOWN
THERE, HE'LL HAVE A GOOD GROUND FOR HIS SHACK!

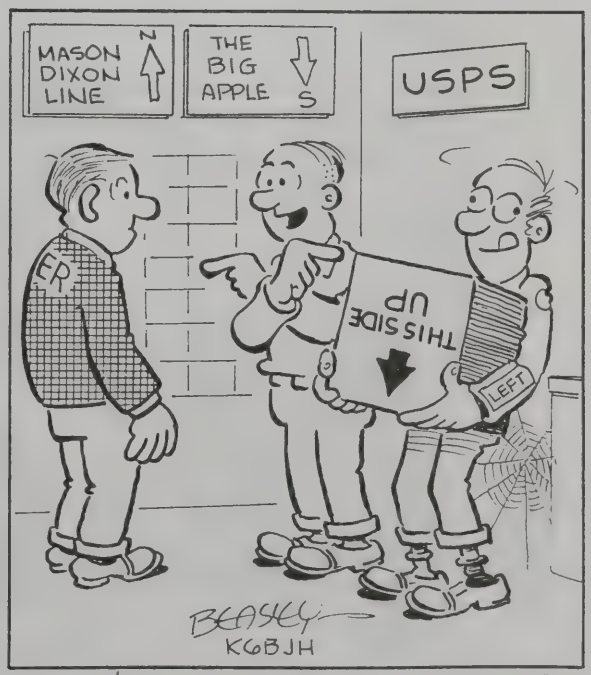
HE KEEPS TELLING ME HE CAN HEAR SOMETHING CALLED OSCAR!

ARE YOU USING SOME KIND OF SPEECH COMPRESSION, O.M.? YOUR AUDIO SOUNDS FUZZY!

WE CAN'T USE A RADIO TRANSMITTER BUG -- THE F.C.C. TOOK OUR FREQUENCY AND SOLD IT TO SOME SHIPPING OUTFIT!

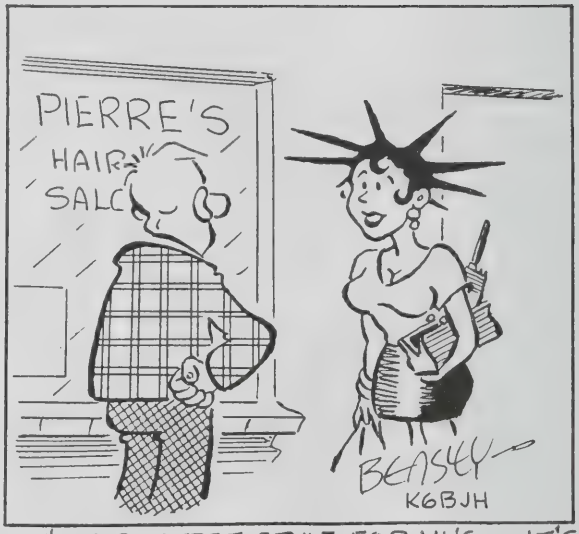


SAYS HIS NAME IS MR. GALENA --- CLAIMS HE INVENTED THE FIRST SOLID STATE DEVICE AND HIS CAT DEVELOPED THE JUNCTION



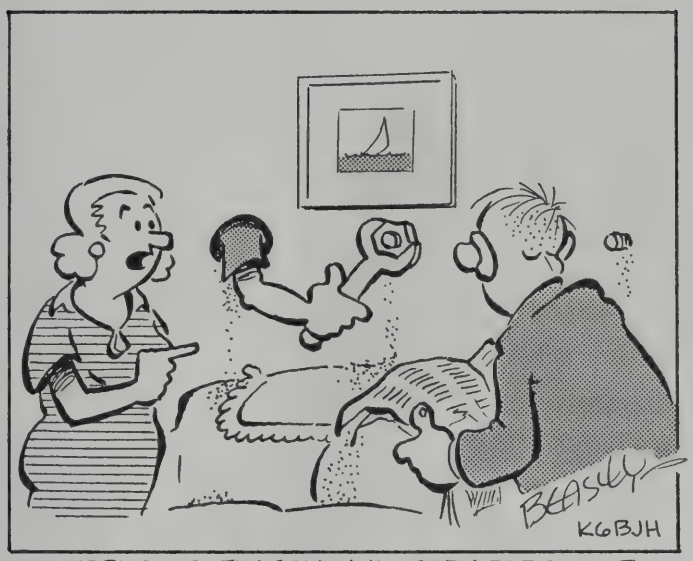
IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE MAIL, SPEAK TO MR. VERTIGO, HERE--- HE'S IN CHARGE OF ROUTING AND EXPEDITING

YOU MUST HAVE JUST MISSED GEORGE HEADING DOWN THE WALK--- HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING ACROSS THE PLATE CAP OF A 6146



IT'S THE LATEST STYLE FOR YL'S---IT'S CALLED "EXOTIC GROUND RADIALS!"

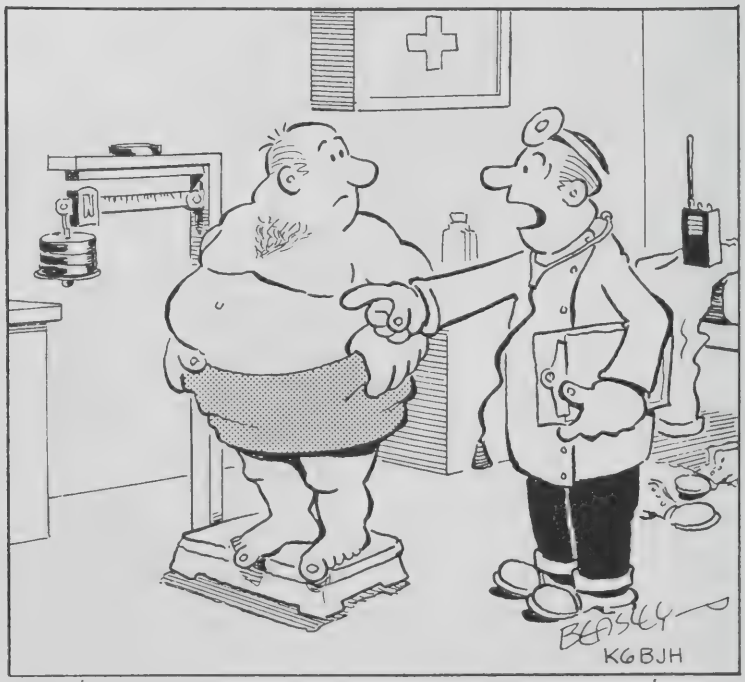
FELLAS, YOU'VE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB PUTTING THESE RADIOS TOGETHER, BUT I THINK IT'S TIME WE CONSIDERED IMPORTING THEM



I OVERHEARD THAT HAM IN THE APARTMENT NEXT DOOR SAY HE WAS GOING TO BOLT HIS BIG RADIO TRANSMITTER TO THE WALL IN CASE OF AN EARTHQUAKE!

I LEFT MY HF MOBILE ANTENNA ON MY OLD CAR-- YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO CATCH IT?

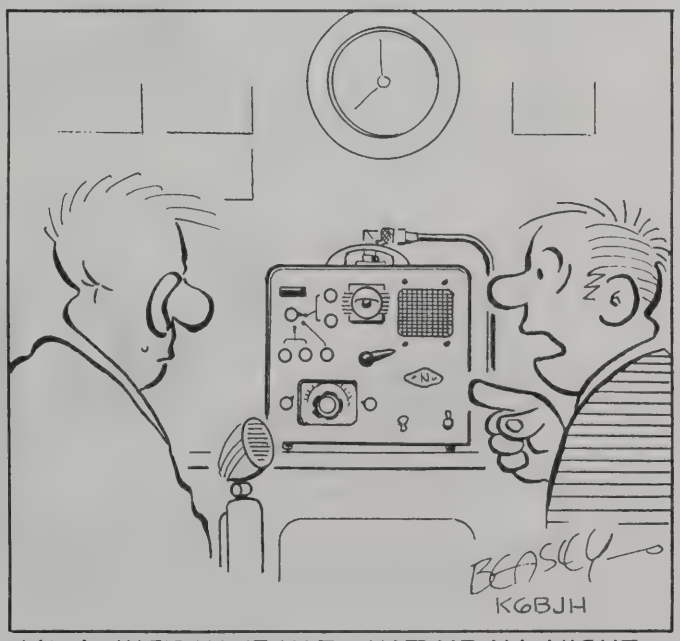
THAT'S MY HOUSE --- THEY WON'T LET ME PUT UP AN EXTERNAL ANTENNA, SO I MODIFIED THE ROOF TO ACCEPT AN ATTIC DIPOLE



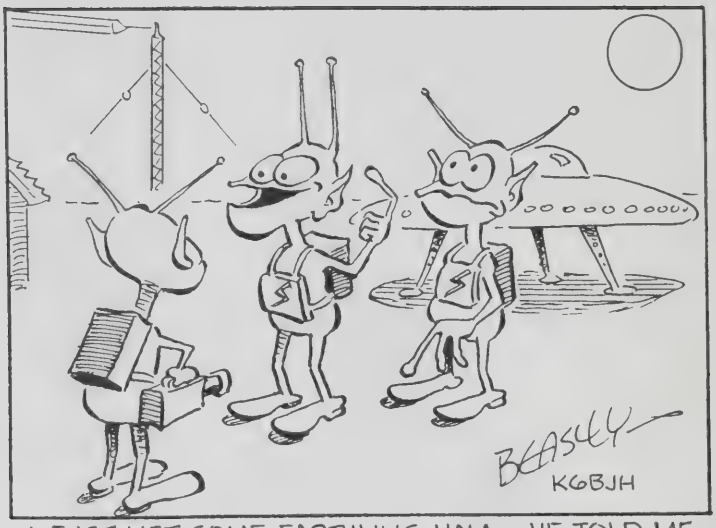
YOU'VE GOT QUITE AN SWR NODE, THERE, ---- I'D SUGGEST YOU TRIM BACK ON THE OLD FEEDLINE!

IT SAYS HERE THAT "MOONBOUNCE" RETURN SIGNALS HAVE BEEN GETTING MUCH STRONGER

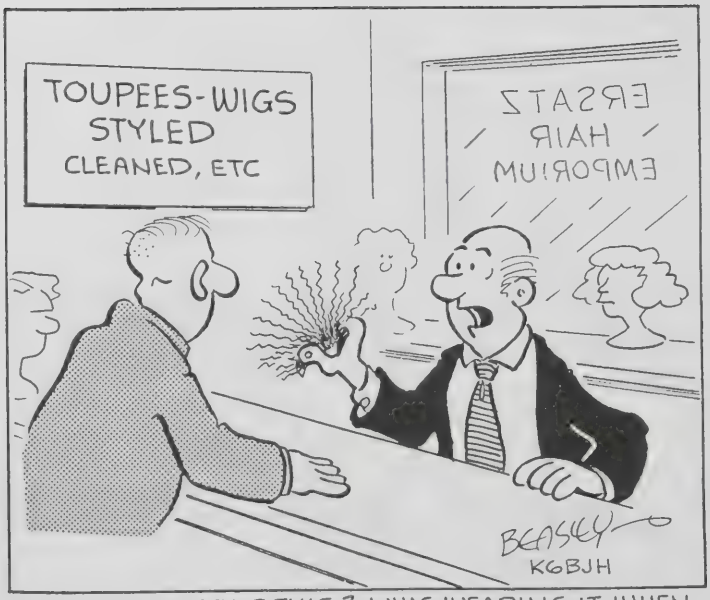
THIS IS A QSL CARD FROM THAT GUY THAT'S ALWAYS TELLING ME WHERE TO GO!



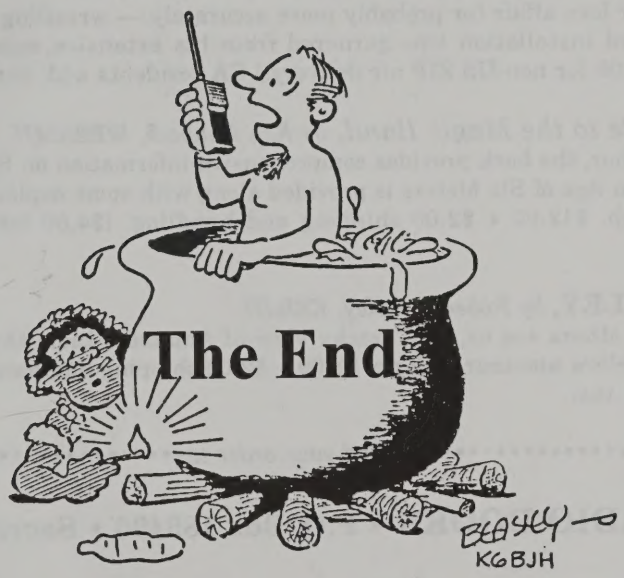
YOU MUST HAVE HAD THAT UP ALL NIGHT-- THE LITTLE GREEN EYE IS BLOODSHOT!



I JUST MET SOME EARTHLING HAM-- HE TOLD ME TO BEND THESE STRAIGHT UP AND THEY'LL ACT LIKE A PHASED ARRAY!



CAN YOU RE-STYLE THIS? I WAS WEARING IT WHEN I TOUCHED THE PLATE CAP OF MY OLD TRANSMITTER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